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Comment Of The Day

Four Tons

CONGRATULATIONS go to the men at Cape Canaveral for putting into orbit an ICBM weighing almost four tons—twice as heavy as the biggest Russian Sputnik. Coupled with the sensational flights of two lunar probes earlier this year, the latest developments in American rocketry give the West hope that it has not completely caught up in this field. It is now lying a close second and challenging for first place.

It is to be hoped that the latest achievement is followed up by other demonstrations of American progress. The Russians have been strangely silent on rocket developments in the last six months. And they are famous for springing surprises which invariably catch the West flat-footed and throw Washington into a turmoil.

The Soviet success with its second dog-carrying spunk and its later and heavier Sputnik 3 stress that Russia has already solved many of the problems which America is only now unravelling. Its next space project will show whether it is maintaining a lead. But we may safely expect that Russia will not make another move until it is sure of a sensation.

The West has unfortunately developed a complex that regimented State science is superior to competitive industrial science. It has been reinforced by our lack of success in this rather childish contest of one-up-manship. We cannot avoid trying to emulate the achievements of our rivals for broadly the targets of our rockets are similar. Nor can we avoid flapping when we come off second best. But our best bet is not to play the Russian game of springing the occasional sensation. Leave the odd Star Shells to the Russians but let the West hold the eyes of the world with an impressive and regular display of Roman Candles.

EISENHOWER'S VOICE BEAMED FROM AMERICA'S ATLAS SATELLITE X'MAS MESSAGE FROM SPACE

Received Loud And Clear

Washington, Dec. 19.

President Eisenhower's voice was beamed from outer space by a pullman-size U.S. satellite today with an emotion-packed plea for "Peace On Earth and Goodwill Toward Men Everywhere."

The President's Christmas message to the world, was broadcast from the huge Atlas as it tumbled at 17,000 miles per hour through space.

After Christmas, Defence Department officials said, a New Year's message from the President will be sent to the satellite for relay back to earth.

SATELLITE COST \$1M

Washington, Dec. 19. Defence Department officials today estimated that the Atlas satellite successfully placed in orbit around the earth yesterday cost about one million dollars. They also estimated that it has cost the United States about \$25,000 million in all to keep abreast of the Soviet Union in this field. This amount, they said, included the enormous cost of developing guided missiles for defence purposes, as well as adapting them for space projects.—Reuter.

His voice came through clearly, the first voice ever broadcast from space. Said the President: "This is the President of the United States speaking. Through the marvels of scientific advance, my voice is coming to you from a satellite circling in outer space."

Simple One

"My message is a simple one. Through this unique means I convey to you and to all mankind America's wish for peace on earth and goodwill toward men everywhere."

The message and the accompanying technical accomplishments of the orbiting Atlas was

certain to have a shattering effect around the world. The President's voice was clearly recognizable although a little scratchy in quality. It was piped from Cape Canaveral, Florida, where the space broadcast was picked up by the Pentagon and thence to the White House.

Eisenhower's message was recorded on tape at the White House last Thursday by the Army Signal Corps. The tape was rushed to Cape Canaveral and fed into the miniature broadcasting station of the giant Atlas before the missile shot into space last night.

The President went to Hagerty's office and listened attentively as his own voice came through the loudspeaker from the satellite. The voice was strong except for the sentence which the President said "My message is a simple one."

Eisenhower was the first to note the garbled sentence but said that "it doesn't hurt the meaning at all."

"That's one of the astounding things again in this age of invention," the President said as he left "to return to his own office." "Maybe the next thing they'll do is televise picture."

Another

Hagerty was asked whether the President would dispatch another message from the satellite which is designed to pick up broadcasts from earth stations and play them back on cue. "I don't think by any stretch of the imagination that this is going to be the last message broadcast through the satellite," Hagerty replied.

The messages can be received on shortwave radio. The Defence Department said it is transmitting on 132.45 and 132.905 megacycles. Stations around the world can monitor the broadcast.—U.P.I. and Reuter.

Family Of UK Cabinet Adviser Found With Throats Cut

London, Dec. 19.

The wife and two sons of Thomas Eardley Bromley, British Cabinet adviser on defence matters, were today found with their throats cut in their home at Haslemere, near London.

The two boys, Martin (13) and Stephen (10) were dead. Mrs. Diana Marion Bromley was tonight in a serious condition in hospital.

The Surrey County police said they thought the killings were done with a razor.

TOKYO CONSUL

Bromley, who served as Consul in Tokyo, Washington, Bagdad and Denver (U.S.A.), and who was in Cyprus and Port Said during the Suez conflict, is 47.

He reached the top grade of the Foreign Service in 1954 and was transferred to the Ministry of Defence in 1957.

His wife is the daughter of Sir John Prett, retired senior Foreign Office official, whose brother, the actor, Boris Karloff, was a prewar star of "horror" movies.

So far, the Chief Constable of Surrey, in charge of the enquiry, has not called in Scotland Yard.—France-Press.

Malta Talks Fail

London, Dec. 19.

Talks here on Malta's constitutional future have failed to reach general agreement, a colonial office statement disclosed tonight.

The talks spread over five weeks, have been between Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, and political leaders from the island colony.—Reuter.

TODAY'S TIPS

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Outsider—Crackerjack.

RACE 2

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Wise Leader
John Halifax
Outsider—Caesar.

RACE 3

Million Bonus
Cursey
Another Victory
Outsider—Sheng Chun.

RACE 4

Sping
Supersonic
How Do I Know
Outsider—Sydney.

RACE 5

Distant Sky
Manxman
Kerrera
Outsider—Constellation.

RACE 6

Ambition
Ariel
Princess Ellen
Outsider—Courageous.

RACE 7

Reyzak
Hallmark
Tabitha T.
Outsider—Miracle.

RACE 8

Gtmini
Milk Gaid
Follow Me
Outsider—Carrie.

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Race 3—Million Bonus; Race 4—Supersonic.

CYPRIOT WOMEN STONE TROOPS

Nicosia, Dec. 19.

A total of eight British soldiers were injured today when Greek Cypriot women stoned a patrol in Letybous village, West Cyprus, it was officially reported.

Two policemen were also injured in another clash. The patrol commander ordered his men to shoot over the women's heads, the statement said, and one woman was injured because she was standing on high ground.

The communique added that the troops had asked a group of Greek Cypriot men to wipe off anti-British slogans on a wall, and that the men were quietly complying when the women, assembling in the town square, opened up a barrage of stones.

The officer, who told them to disperse was reportedly hit by the flying objects, and then ordered his men to open fire. One soldier was sent to hospital.—France-Press.

Soviet General's Warning

Berlin, Dec. 19.

General M. V. Zharov, Soviet Armed Forces Commander in Germany, tonight warned General H. J. Hodges, U.S. Army Commander in Europe, that the Soviet Army will inflict a devastating defeat on Western allied troops if they attempt to force their way through to Berlin.—U.P.I.

Why Appeal Court Dismissed Charge Against Bishop

Florence, Dec. 19.

A Florence court of appeals said today it acquitted Roman Catholic Bishop of Prato of a defamation charge because he acted within his spiritual rights in labelling as "sinners" a Catholic-born couple married outside the church.

The court today deposited a detailed 44-page explanation of its verdict of Oct. 25 fully acquitting Bishop Pietro Fiondelli and Parish Priest Don Danilo Ajazzi of the charges.

The verdict reversed the Bishop's conviction by a lower court last March 14, an event which stirred Italy's worst church-state controversy in 40 years.

The lower court had indicted a suspended 40,000-lire (\$21) fine on Bishop Fiondelli.

Bulganin Group Criticised Again

Moscow, Dec. 19.

The Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party today endorsed Premier Nikita Khrushchev's report on agriculture, and took another crack at Bulganin, Malenkov and other members of the "anti-party" group.

The decree said the anti-party group "attempted to prevent the implementation of the course worked out at the 20th Congress of the party on all the most important questions of home and foreign policy."

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said that the Central Committee, which "fully approved" the Khrushchev report on the work done during the last five years.

The committee adopted a 20,000-word resolution at that meeting making detailed recommendations for increased agricultural production.

The recommendations included substantial concessions to collective farmers, including reductions in compulsory deliveries to the state, and cancellation of back deliveries, which had not been made.—U.P.I.

CANNOT CENSURE

The Florence Court of Appeals said that article one of the 1929 Concordat which regulates relations between the state of Vatican City and Italy "admits (for the church) the free exercise of operational and jurisdictional power and therefore the State cannot censure an action committed by a priest in the exercise of his spiritual ministry."

The court also said that Bishop Fiondelli only wanted to deplore the "spiteful repudiation of the sacrament of matrimony" by the Bellandi couple, and his action could not be censured under any provisions of Italian penal law. The court said Bishop Fiondelli used the words "sinner" and "concubine" as "technical terms" in condemning the Bellandi couple under the church Canon Law.—U.P.I.

Supreme Soviet

London, Dec. 19.

The Supreme Soviet will begin meetings tomorrow in the Kremlin, Radio Moscow said today. The main session of the Soviet—the nation's Parliament—starts on December 22.—U.P.I.

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Rotten Eggs Thrown At His Eighth Wedding

Ipswich, Dec. 19.

A CHINESE going through his eighth wedding was showered with rotten eggs, the Magistrate's court, was told today.

Charged with disorderly conduct was a 23-year-old mother of an infant son whose father was taking his eighth wife. She admitted having thrown rotten eggs at the bridegroom just as he was about to enter his bridal car

with his newly acquired wife after the wedding ceremony in the premises of the Fong On Association.

The accused woman told the magistrate, "he deserved the rotten eggs. He lived with me for six months and put me in the funny way. Then he paid no attention and went to look for another girl. He has been living with several girls and made some of them pregnant. From one of them he even

borrowed money to buy a car. He is bad-hearted and that's why I threw the eggs at him."

Detective Sergeant Goon Slow Fook confirmed in court that it was the groom's eighth wedding.

Magistrate Inche Ibrahim, Bin Abdul Manan told the woman accused "under the circumstances I admonish and discharge you. Don't do it again."—U.P.I.

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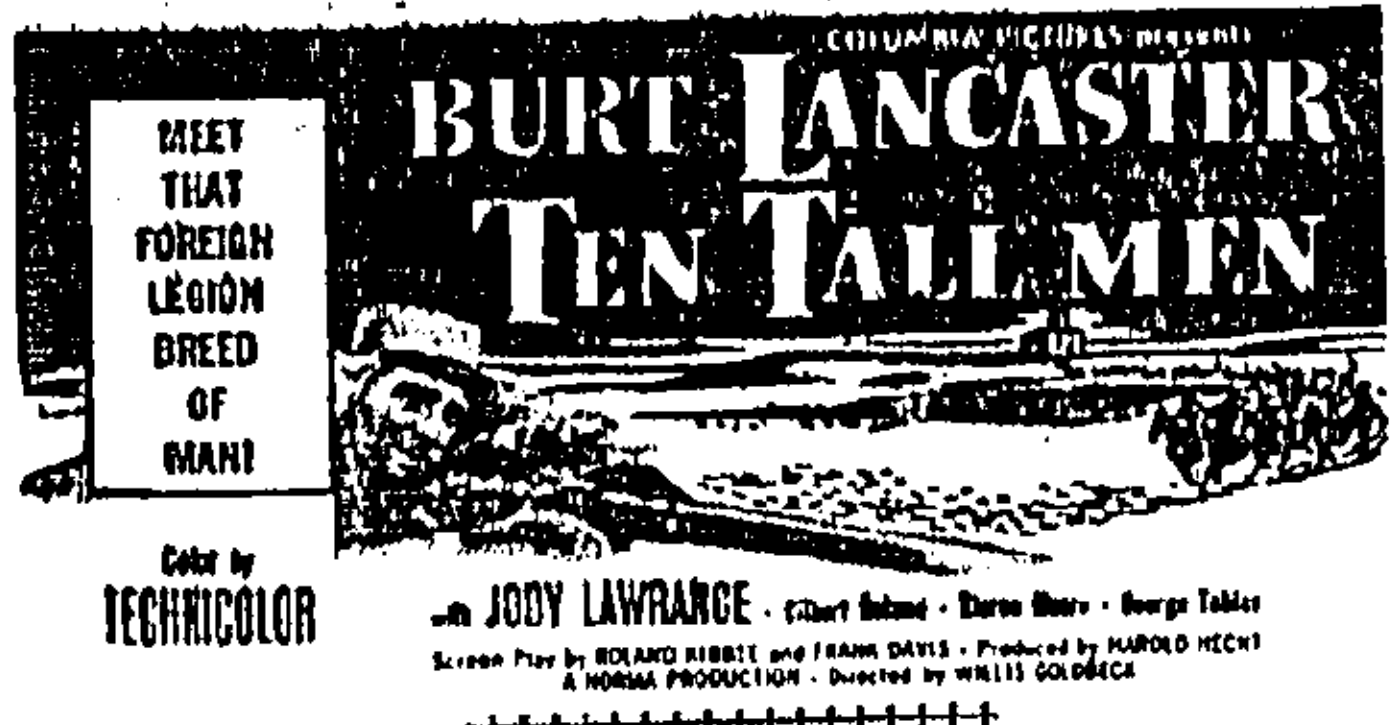
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"TEN TALL MEN"



Shirley Evans Ken Littlewood

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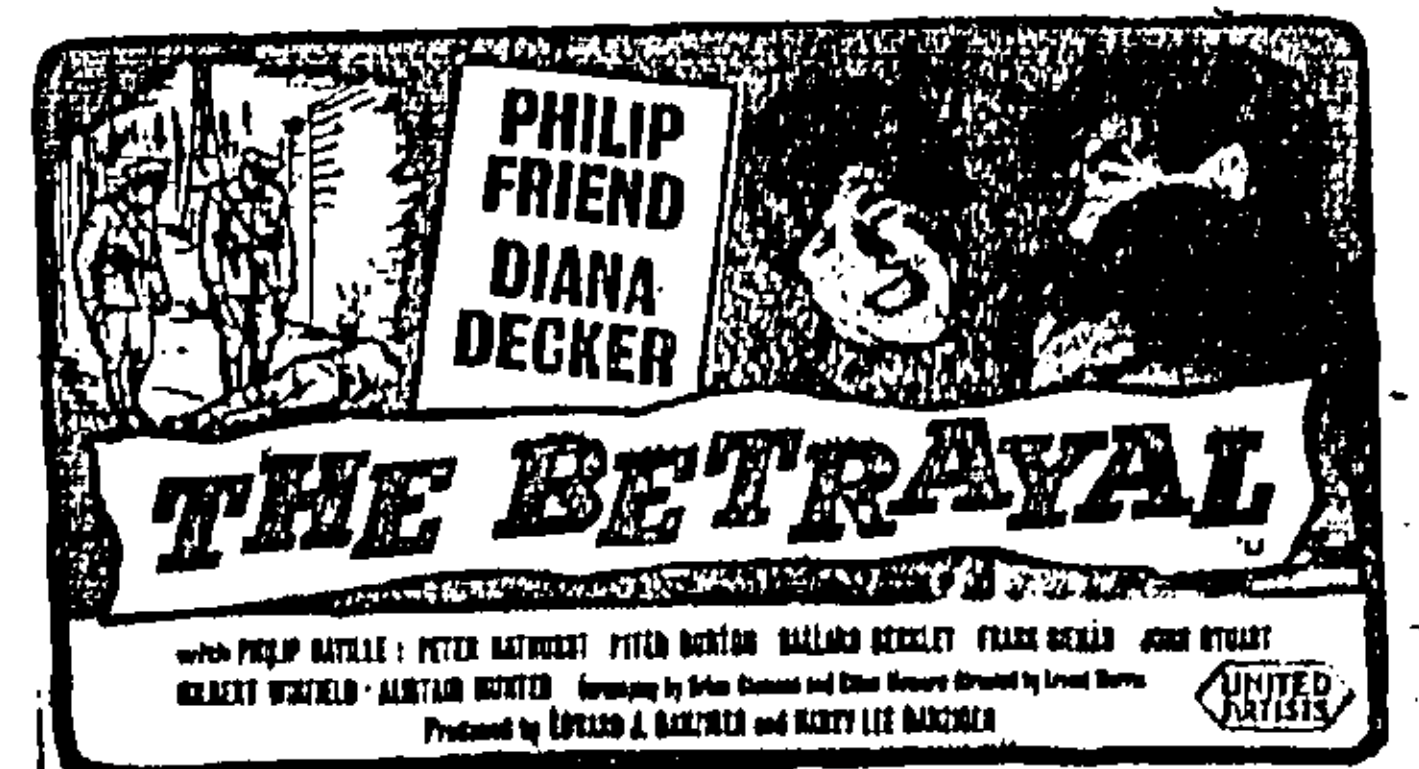
WEEK-END
MORNING SHOWS

To-morrow At 11.00 a.m. 20th Century-Fox
MIGHTY MOUSE TECHNICOLOR TERRYTOONS
To-morrow At 12.30 p.m. 20th Century-Fox Presents
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FILMS CURRENT & COMING

by ANTHONY FULLER

YOU might remember that at the beginning of the year, I named "Across the Bridge" as being, in my opinion, the finest film of 1957. What was more, I said it had taken a British film to reveal what an outstanding actor Rod Steiger is.

For the first time in his film career, someone had seen him, and recognised the enormous potential he had for parts when called for that sullen, even childish, brutality he could portray.

Until then, Hollywood saw him as a tough Indian fighter, or a bold rough rider. "Across the Bridge" gave him his chance, and I ventured the opinion he would stay in England to obtain such dramatic roles as were suited to his fine characterisation.

It has not worked out quite like that. America has seen at last what an actor was being wasted on Cowboy and Indian, and now he has now been selected to play Al Capone in the story of that name.

It might be asked, why bring that scar-faced horror back to the screen, and why waste millions of dollars and acting talent gilding a wretched punk, whose only civic accomplishment in his career from altar boy to vice master of Chicago, was to kill off punks like himself.

I can answer only for myself. While Chicago was news, I was interested. I was a gangster film fan and even now I am the same. "Partly Girl," a film which comes along soon, is a film of the Al Capone vintage, which I have followed with interest.

Men's obsession with evil is of interest; academically, we call it a social document, but the real reason why such periods always attract the writer and artist, are, as I have said, the substance of a society which allows and even encourages men who deny every ethic of decency and citizenship, to rise to power on corruption, vice, dope, and filth.

For Capone could never have risen to power had he not had the police, the Civic Authorities, certain journalists and others in his power. So this film will serve a dual purpose. Enormous research has gone into the script, and it will emerge as a fine social document, as well as a film of the caliber of the best of Rod Steiger as an actor.

★
"East of Eden" is showing at the Lee and Astor, is Elia Kazan's production of John Steinbeck's great novel.

There are two good reasons for re-releasing this film. The first is that it represents the work of a great writer, one of the greatest of this century.

As long as I have read Steinbeck, I have interpreted his writing as an enormous query flung at the infinite. Why do men, who entertain such hopes and aspirations of themselves, behave as they do?

The theme hounds Steinbeck, and whether it is the short story, or a novel the length of

"East of Eden," the theme is the same. Should it be, because that is how the sensitive writer finds life, but relieved always by a glimpse that there is yet hope.

The second reason justifying the re-issue is, it brings back to the screen that perfect Steinbeck character, James Dean, who threw away his life in just such an episode as Steinbeck might have portrayed.

The rest you probably know from the film's first issue; Julie Harris plays Abra, the girl friend; James Dean is cast as Cal, a wonderful and complex character, who identifies himself with evil, personified by his mother, Jo Van Fleet.

Raymond Massey plays the "good" role, the father, along with Richard Davalos, good son. Made in CinemaScope and Warner-Colour, this film by sheer force, is on the list of film masterpieces.

★
IN case there should be too much peace and goodwill about this week, the Hoover and Paramount bring us sharply to our senses with "Time Limit," a film in which the horrors of war are given a new dimension.

Taken from the Broadway play and adapted for the screen by Henry Denker, it is obvious that the original author, Ralph Berk, is playing on the theme that intrigued so many Americans during the Korean War—that men do change sides, or to use the old English idiom, "turn coats."

The film brings together Richard Basehart who is accused of collaborating with the enemy, and Richard Widmark who is the man cast to help in the Court Martial as the prisoner's friend.

The climax of the film is reached during the Court Martial scene. The tangle the film slowly unfolds is that Basehart's character stands in contradiction to the charge hurled against him.

These sense dramas have an appeal for many in the Colony who are interested in the complexity of human nature, but the film acting is over the head of the average film goer.

A court scene, limiting movement, relying upon dialogue, in short the fine art of acting, appeals only to those who can follow the carefully delivered lines, and who enjoy the verbal play of cross-examination.

★
A good film, made by two ambitious actors who deliberately try to raise the standard of the film in the interest of good cinema.

★
"Ten Tall Men," is one of these glamour pictures of the French Foreign Legion, where you sign on and no questions are asked.

The current showing is from a Columbia reprint of the film that rose on the crest of a romantic wave a few years ago.

In case you don't remember, or never saw it before, it has Burt Lancaster as a soldier of fortune, sergeant over a group of men who venture into the treacherous desert to intercept the Riffs.

Instead of capturing the Riffs, they capture Jody Lawrence, a Riff Princess.

With the girl in their midst, they start a fight among them-

selves as to whom is to carry the loot home.

Also, such things as sandstorms (Hollywood wind machine versions) make the going exceedingly tough.

However, as you can guess before you take the seat ticket at the box office, come sand, come Riffs from the four corners of the earth, they will not shake Lancaster, nor his Legion buddies, Gilbert Roland, Kieron Moore, and George Tobias.

A most delightful desert, a most romantic camp, no flies, no smells, sheer Arabian Nights fantasy, with the boys playing soldiers, at the King's and Princess.

★
"Son of Robin Hood," British made CinemaScope and Eastman Colour fantasy, built around the survivors and heirs of the immortal Robin, is a film that entertains from beginning to end.

This is surprising insofar that excepting Marius Goring, there is not a name in the cast known to the ordinary cinemagoer.

The success of the film is undoubtedly due to George Sherman, the producer. For a film of its kind, immense trouble has been taken to ascertain the correct atmosphere, and there are a few of those irritating anachronisms which are always spotted by the bright child in the audience.

The green and pleasant pastures of Sherwood Forest, the

bright sugar candy castle, the colourful costumes, come out beautifully in colour.

The splendid music, which breaks into martial fanfares every time the outlaws are on the march is thrilling, and I'll wager my typewriter against the sturdiest long bow in the Colony, that the final charge of the outlaws has every small boy in the place flitting arrows of desire at the dastardly Black Duke and his knavish company.

Treachery, foul and black there lurks, forsooth, and with the Princess, whose name in real life is (he, for shame) Noel Hood.

Every small boy, and girl to boot, will love these dark deep dungeons, where David Farrar for sixty minutes of the film, keeps his instruments of torture, working us into such a frustrated rage that we cheer right merrily when the last light of the day leaves Deering Hood master of the field and the castle.

Well, my masters, sparing breath, and type, I should say that this film is made to the order of every adventurous child.

The twang of the bow-string, the buzz of the arrow, the clash of the crossed swords, the flight of the falcon, the pursuit by the mailed cavaliers, the swarms of arrows in lefty flight fired from the undergrowth of Sherwood. What more could a boy ask?

The tale is the old tale, but it's ever anew, and I can think of nothing better to delight the family, than a visit to the Roxy or Broadway, to see "Son of Robin Hood."

NEW FILMS AT A GLANCE

SHOWING

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Son of Robin Hood." A real romantic rollicking romp through the glades of Sherwood Forest. Directed with imagination, filmed with an eye to detail, hawks, horses, villains, and dungeons, as fine a spectacle that ever came out of the legend of Robin Hood. At Hedison; June Laverick; David Farrar, and Marius Goring.

HOOPER & PARAMOUNT: "Time Limit." A drama of cross purposes, which brings an American Officer a Court Martial, arising out of alleged collaboration with the enemy during the Korean War. Richard Widmark; Richard Basehart; with Dolores Michaels, June Lockhart, and Carl Benton Reid.

KING'S & PRINCESS: "Ten Tall Men." Burt Lancaster in a re-issue reprint of a romantic Foreign Legion story, which ends up with the capture of a Riff Princess, Jody Lawrence. Also Gilbert Roland, Kieron Moore, and George Tobias.

STAR & METROPOLE: "The Betrayal" starring Philip Friend and Diana Decker. LEE & ASTOR: "East of Eden," starring Julie Harris and James Dean.

CHRISTMAS FILMS

KING'S & PRINCESS: "Rock-A-Bye Baby." Jerry Lewis left holding three babies while he carries a tormented beyond words. One hundred per cent entertainment. Produced by Jerry Lewis. VistaVision Technicolor. Also starring Marilyn Maxwell; Reginald Gardiner; Basil Henson; and Connie Stevens.

HOOPER & PARAMOUNT: "The Badlanders." Alan Ladd and Ernest Borgnine in a melodrama of the early west. Filmed in CinemaScope and Technicolor. Entertaining, with some top moments of suspense and characterization keen; plot with unusual twist; brutal in parts; with touch of romance. Also Ray Jura; George E. Stone; with Kent Smith, and Nehemiah Persoff.

LEE & ASTOR: "The Square Peg." Norman Wisdom's latest comedy flows here for Christmas. Wisdom takes over the film as a medium for his considerable box of tricks. Pure farce, World War II background with Norman the unconscious hero of the Pioneer Corps. Also Howard Blackman; Captain Bell Slinger; Edward Chapman; and Hattie Jacques.

ROXY & BROADWAY: "The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw." 20th Century-Fox British comedy. The Western to end all Westerns. Film has Ken More as British valet flogging guns in the West, and incidentally elected the Sheriff. Every rag the Westerners use is geyed in this rollicking rollicking funster. Kenneth More; Jayne Mansfield; and Henry Hall.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Raw Wind in Eden." CinemaScope and Eastman Colour drama set in the Mediterranean. Jaded playboy, disillusioned society model; jealous locals; cause the winds to blow a bit rough. Beautiful camera work against picturesque background the outstanding feature of this film. Esther Williams; Jeff Chandler; and Rossana Podesta.

HOOPER & PARAMOUNT: "Betrayal That Ticks Like A Time Bomb" featuring Richard Widmark and Tige Hunter.



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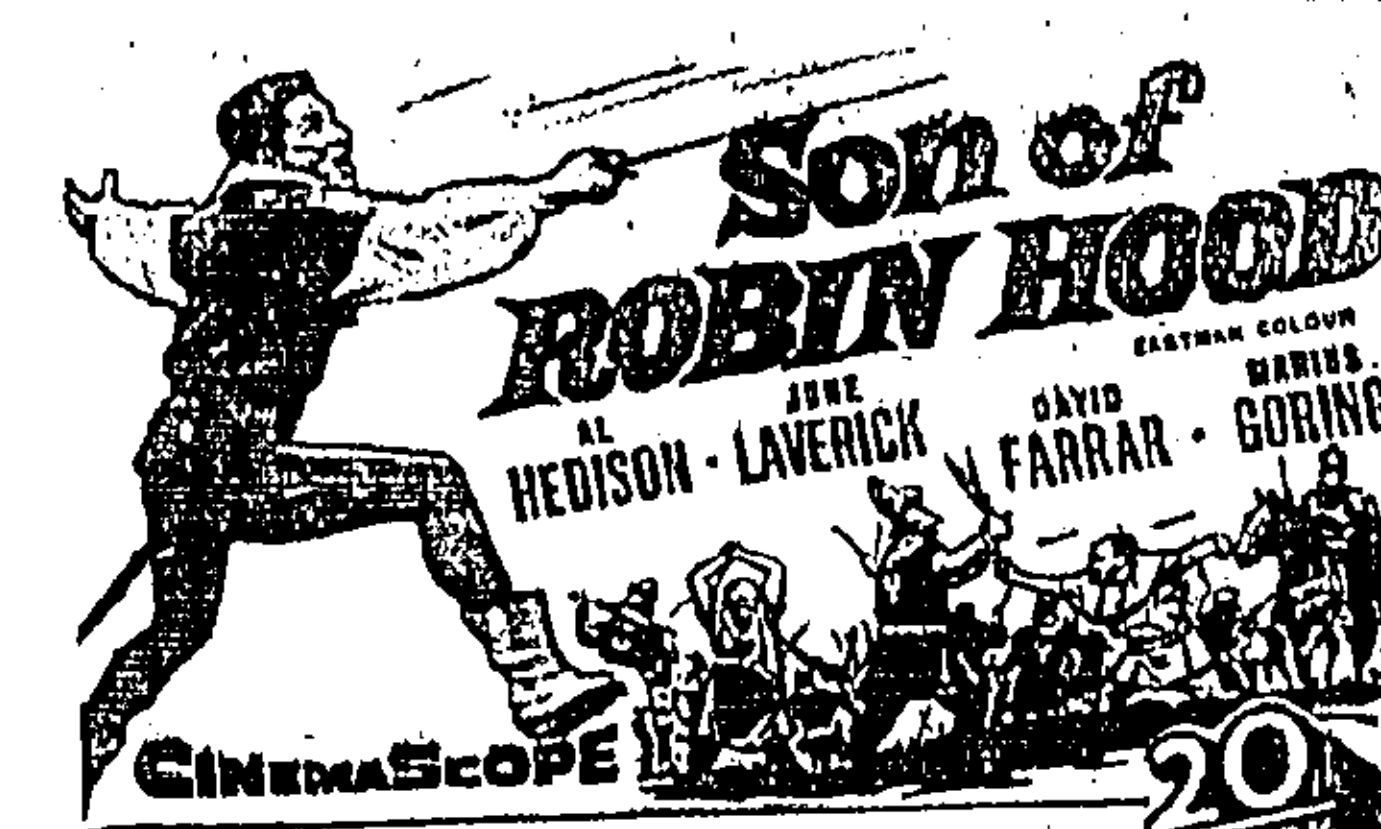
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SATURDAY "MAIL" FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH NEWS DESK

Ghost 'Kicked Out' Of Haunt

Caesarean Operation Makes History



Firm friends—and 9½-month-old Charlotte Ball offers to share her food with the Caesarean-born puppies.

Puppies Born After Their Mother Dies

London.
FOURTEEN puppies have been born by Caesarean operation after the mother died, it was revealed last week. Two of the puppies are still alive.

Had Not Paid Her Bill For 300 Years

Usk, Wales.
THE sad saga of beautiful, unhappy ghost came to an end here last week when a spiritualist claimed he had kicked her out of the inn she had haunted for 300 years.

Some ten persons, including newsmen, listened while spiritualist Jewell Williams told the beautiful, blonde of the 17th century that she was finally being tossed out of room three of the 600-year-old Cross Keys Inn in Wales.

Roland Hoffman, host of the inn, said the beautiful ghost had to go because she kept opening and shutting her bedroom door in the dead of night and had not paid the bill for three hundred years.

The Father

According to spiritualist Williams, the beautiful ghost's father locked her up in the room because he disapproved of her choice of husband.

He said the lady who became the ghost could not stand the solitude and put an end to it all with a dose of herbol poison.

But according to Williams, her end was just the beginning of 300 years as resident ghost at the Cross Keys.

Her habit of opening the bedroom door anytime anyone passed scared the staff and guests of the ancient hostelry.

Williams had to go into a trance to get rid of her. During the hour he was under the trance Williams claimed he was under the control of "Doctor Philip Hammond." His recipe for removing the beautiful ghost was very simple.

'Go Back'

"Go from here," he said, "why annoy these people by opening and closing the doors all the time? Go back to your own people and leave this place alone."

Then Williams snapped out of his trance to announce the beautiful ghost had taken the hint and left.

"There will be no more trouble here. If the doctor has sent her back to her own people she will not come back again," he claimed.

Later that night the door of room three was still closed and there was no sign of the return of the Cross Key's beautiful but non-paying guest.—U.P.I.

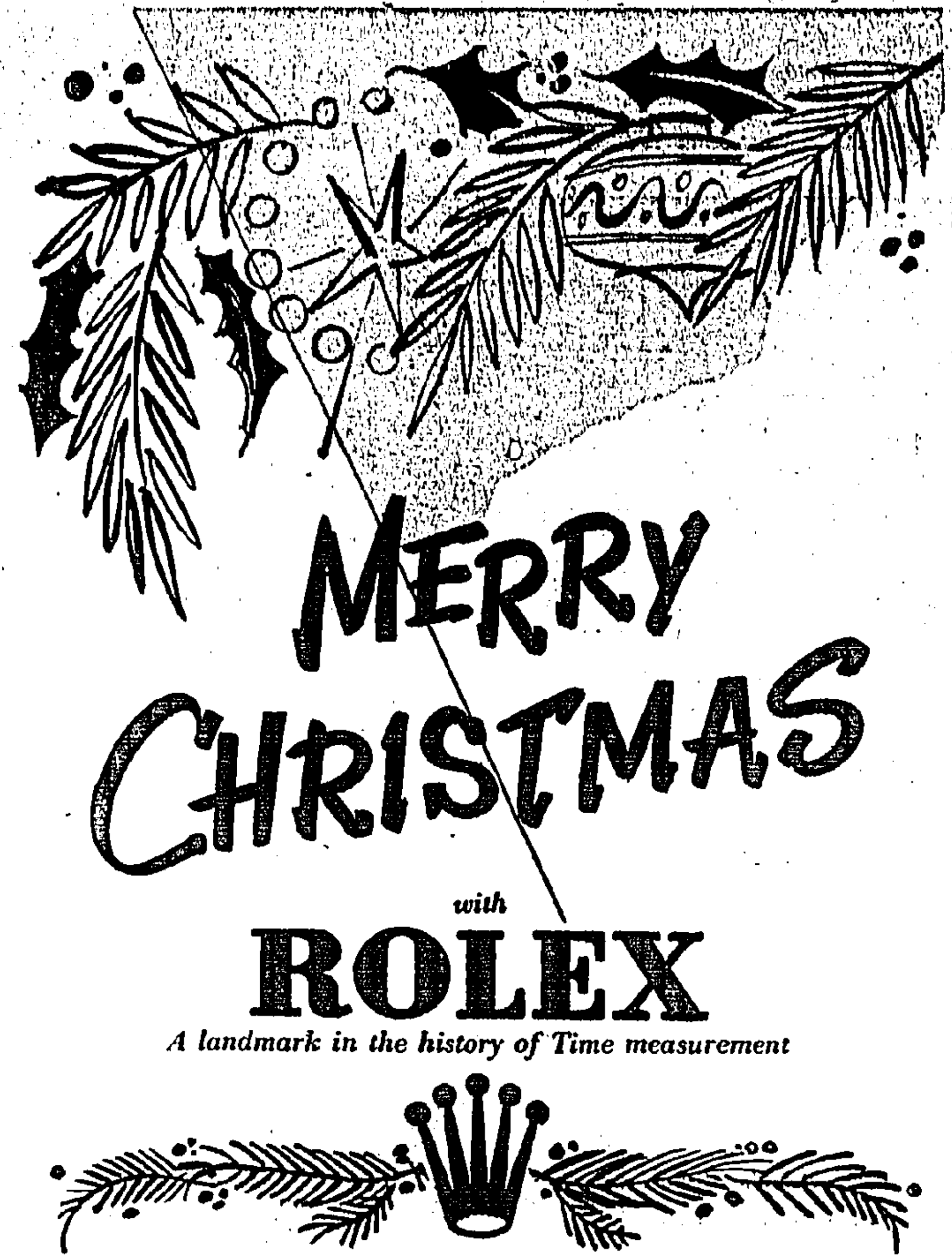
UNWANTED CARS JAM STREETS

New York.
EVERY year at this time, about 100 New York motorists a week park their cars, remove the licence plates, walk away and never return.

This seasonal phenomenon has just reached a record figure, with 885 abandoned or unclaimed stolen cars crowding the Police Department's three garages and 100 more jamming the streets.

Police Commissioner James Kennedy has made a special plea to motorists to turn their unwanted cars over to scrap dealers.

Many motorists choose this season to abandon their cars, said Kennedy, because they are reluctant to pay the high price of winter maintenance on old models.



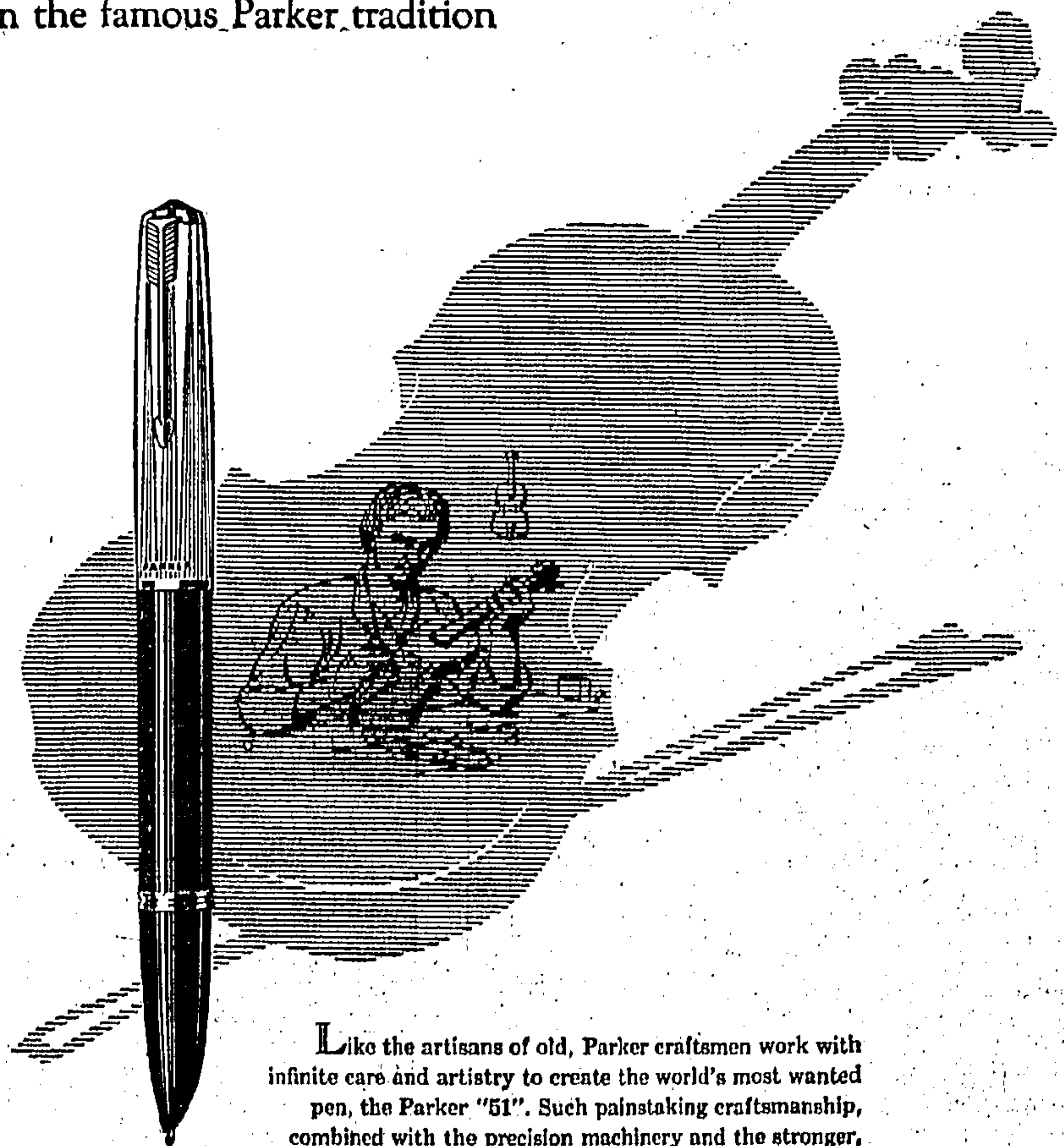
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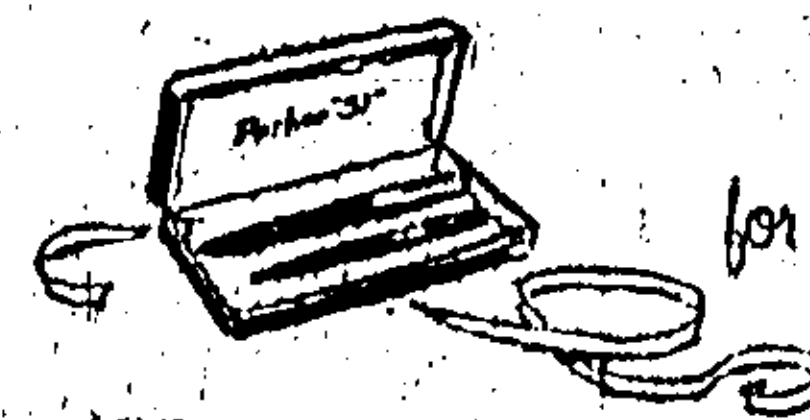
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THE PERFECT BUTLER WASN'T SO PERFECT!

London.
A MAN recently deported from the United States was sentenced to seven years in gaol last week for a robbery staged while he posed as the perfect butler.

Bernard Mason, 39, alias Derek Steadman and also known as "The Mad Drummer of Broadmoor" was hired two years ago as a butler by Col. W. G. Horton.

"I have done for some of the best families," he told Horton when he applied for the job.

Eleven days later he left the Colonel with £2,800 of Horton's cash and jewels. He went to the United States, where he married. He was arrested a month ago.

His record includes rape, wounding, robbery with violence, and fraud, for a total of more than 100 crimes. He also twice escaped from Broadmoor, a prison for the criminally insane.

It was there, as drummer with the inmates band, he earned his nickname "The Mad Drummer."—U. P. I.

Indulgence

Eastbourne.
THE city medical officer said his only case of food poisoning here last year involved a party of health officials. They "indulged in oysters found to be of doubtful origin," he said.—U.P.I.

This is probably the first time puppies born three days before they were due have been saved and reared, said their owner, Mrs. Sheila Ball, of London Road, Leicester.

The mother, Heloise of Lisblanc, a Pyrenean mountain dog, died three days before she was due to whelp.

Mrs. Ball, who owns six Pyreneans and nine cats, told me of the fight for the puppies' lives.

Food problem

"The vet performed the operation as soon as Heloise—we used to call her 'Wheezey'—died and we found ourselves with 14 puppies," she said. "We rubbed them with rough towels and managed to get some life into two of them. Then came the problem of feeding."

"Altogether four foster mothers—a dachshund, an alsatian and two beagles—had to be called on to save the puppies, now three months old."

"The first foster mother, Maria, a dachshund, was hurried from a breeder friend, Mrs. Wyand, of Thrushington, 14 miles away, at one o'clock in the morning. For a few hours Maria was stand-in mother."

"Next mother was alsatian Chloee from the same kennels... again a temporary measure."

Beagle takes over

"Then a beagle, Sherry, belonging to Mrs. Herrick, of Hartley, 30 miles away, took over. She fed the pups for a week. Fourth and last mother was Chloee, another beagle belonging to Mrs. Herrick."

Mrs. Harper Trole-Fonlignes, of Hyde Heath, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, one of Britain's leading dog breeders, who first brought the Pyrenean mountain dog to Britain, said yesterday: "In 25 years' experience I have never heard of anything like this."

Wife Had A Preview Of Her Death

Swindon.
A SHAKEN British rail-ways machinist told a coroner's inquest that his wife had dreamed a preview of her death, which then came horribly true.

Alfred R. Strange said his wife, 26-year-old Beryl Jean Strange, loved walking, and was in the habit of walking with their three children to a certain stretch of railway line near here.

"She once had a horrible dream about being caught on that line and it shook her up," Strange said.

DECAPITATED

Not long afterward, she was found decapitated along that same stretch of railway line.

"Her dream is what made me think, please God, that she might have done it in her sleep," Strange said.

Coroner Harold Dale returned a verdict of "suicide while her mind was unhinged by ill-health."—U.P.I.

RAT-CATCHER ORDERED AFTER THE GLIS-GLIS

London.
The local rat-catcher was ordered to catch the glis-glis who ate the cuffs off a councillor's pants.

The cuffs apparently tasted fine to the glis-glis. They didn't just nibble—they gobbled them down in large mouthfuls.

The unidentified councillor's complaint sparked an investigation by the local health housing and town planning committee. It turned in its report.

Glis-glis, the reporter said, are rat-like creatures with bushy tails. Some years ago a pair

escaped from a nearby private zoo. They have multiplied. Housewives canvassed by "invited" for said the glis-glis live in their houses in the winter and in trees in the summer. Since the original pair, sloped some years ago, none has been caught alive.—U.P.I.

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HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



ABOVE: In London recently: Duncan Ronald —alias television's "Cisco Kid." He is in Britain on a goodwill mission, in which he will speak to his fans in children's hospitals throughout the country. Cisco Kid television shows are now screened regularly in 23 countries. The films are dubbed into six languages: Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, French and Tagalog.



ABOVE: Baroness Thyssen, formerly British model Fiona Campbell-Walter, is seen in London with her six-month-old baby Francesca. They were reunited after a two-week separation—Baron and Baroness Thyssen had been holidaying for two weeks in Jamaica. From Jamaica they went to New York.



BELOW: Five young missionaries murdered recently by Indians in the remote jungles of Ecuador probably died because the natives mistook them for a military expedition on the hunt for wives. This is the theory of 45-year-old American naturalist Dean Blanchard. Mr. Blanchard is currently visiting London with his wife Caroline and 14-year-old daughter Pringle, both pictured here with him.



ABOVE: Britain's Royal Navy captured a new underwater record recently when the submarine Templar was raised from the waters of Loch Striven, Scotland, after being submerged for three-and-a-half years. Immediately a signal was flashed to the Admiralty in London: "Claim new underwater record for Royal Navy. Sub Templar raised. No casualties." No one was surprised at the lack of casualties—the submarine had carried no crew when she was sunk in June 1955. Commented Commander Alan Craig of the 3rd Submarine Squadron: "The Royal Navy is very proud of this day. We have captured from America the underwater record for a submarine. After all, 3½ years makes the effort of the U.S. atomic submarine Skate look puny. She could stay under for only 31 days."



LEFT: Popular young German screen actor Horst Buchholz was married recently in London to French actress Miriam Bru. Horst, who is making his first film in Britain, took time out for a registry office ceremony at Caxton Hall. It was a rushed wedding: Horst had difficulty getting away from the studio and Miriam had to buy her own ring.

EXPRESS PHOTOS

RIGHT: Rehearsing in London for the Rodgers and Hammerstein Christmas pantomime "Cinderella"—British rock 'n' roll king Tommy Steele (Buttons) and cabaret singer Yana (Cinderella).



ABOVE: Princess Margaret smiling at a recent charity preview in London of the American musical "West Side Story," which deals with a group of juvenile delinquents in a tough area of New York. The Princess has had a long-playing record of the show's tunes for over a year, and she enjoyed the performance so much that she went backstage immediately after the final curtain and shook hands with the whole cast—the first time she has done so. "I am still out of breath," she told them. "The show was great fun."



ABOVE: Pakhar Singh, a 21-year-old Sikh, walk-off, hitch-hiked and cycled the 15,000-mile journey from Malaya to Catterick, England, to enlist as a trooper in the 10th Hussars. But Army regulations insisted that Pakhar Singh would have to shave off his beard and cut his long hair, both of which are required by his religion. As you can see, however, all's well now: the Duke of Gloucester, who is Colonel of the Regiment, has said Pakhar Singh can regrow his beard and wear a turban.



ABOVE: Nine young sufferers from muscular dystrophy (a fatal, incurable, wasting disease) gave a concert of carols recently in a Dartford, England, hospital, to raise money for a research fund into muscular dystrophy. The singers, all boys aged from 12 to 18, had been practising daily for the past six weeks for the two-hour concert. They raised more than £7 to add to the £200 they have already collected for the fund. Here is a view of the concert.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

ROWNTREES



THE CHOCOLATE THAT'S DIFFERENT

The Ghost of Cashen's Gap

THIS is the traditional time of the year for sitting by the fire and telling ghost stories. This story is remembered by many people and possibly ranks as the strangest ghost story ever told.

The haunting of Cashen's Gap began in the winter of 1931. Farmer James Irving was sitting with his wife in their lonely cottage 750 ft. up Dalby Mountain on the west coast of the Isle of Man, where they had lived peacefully and quietly for 14 years. Their 13-year-old daughter Voirrey (Manx for Mary) was in bed upstairs.

Then, "Tap, Tap, Tap." The noise came from the attic which was boarded in. "Must be mice," said the farmer to his wife.

Next day he opened up the ceiling and went into the attic. He found no mice but he did find a little wood carving that had been missing. When dropped on the floor it produced the sort of tap that he had heard the previous night.

That evening the sounds came again. Louder. Then came a running noise. "That's no mouse," said Mr Irving to his wife.



Then in succession came animal sounds, barks, growls, spitting and hissing, a thump that set pictures on the walls swinging, a noise like a baby starting to talk, more barks and silence.

Mr Irving waited. Nothing happened. He looked at his wife, then made a barking sound himself. Back came a bark. Mr Irving meowed. Back came a meow.

And so according to Mr Irving the Dalby spook came to Cashen's Gap. The story was to become stranger still.

The "thing" next began to imitate Mr Irving's voice. And in a matter of weeks was talking like a human, talking in a high-pitched screech.

"What in the name of Heaven can he be?" demanded the frightened farmer. "What in the name of Heaven can he be?" came back the mimicking screech from the walls.

Then it answered the question: "I am a ghost in the form of a weasel and I shall haunt you with weird noises and clanking chains." There was a noise like metal clanking.



"If you are kind to me I will bring you good luck. If you are not kind I shall kill all your poultry. I can get them wherever you put them. I am not evil. I could be if I wanted. You don't know what damage or harm I could do if I were roused. I could kill you all if I liked but I won't."

And to prove it, the self-described ghost in the form of a weasel began to throw things. Gravel was hurled at the windows from outside. Things were pitched across the rooms indoors.

The farmer put down rat poison and the animal screamed and shook the house with great bumps. He hunted him with a gun and found nothing. The job was difficult because the house had double walls to guard against draughts and keep it warm. There were spaces between the walls and it was from these spaces that the voice generally came.

By now the farmer's story of the strange happenings at Cashen's Gap had spread. The first reaction was the obvious one. That the Irvings must be going mad.

Yet Mr Irving was known as a healthy, educated man. Mr Charles Northwood, a retired cotton broker and a friend of the Irvings for many years, dashed to the island to clear up the business.

He was greeted by the voice of Gef, as the ghost was now called. "Charlie, my old sport!" Gef went on: "Tell Arthur not to come." (Arthur was Mr Northwood's son.) "I'll blow his brains out with a three-penny cartridge." Mr Northwood was staggered.

By

HENRY LEWIS

Captain Macdonald, a racing motorist, also claimed to have heard Gef screaming and knocking and saying "Hello, everybody."

Two boys from Peel, Harry Hall, 19, and Will Cuddeon, 15, told of conversations with Gef. According to Harry when he tossed a penny in the porch Gef called: "Tails," and was right. He tossed again and Gef again called correctly. He muffed the next one and Gef screamed: "You didn't turn the penny."

Gef asked Will: "Can you drive a steam-roller?" "Yes," said Will. "You young rascal," said G. "You would put it over a hedge."

Reporters and ghost-hunters began to arrive at the lonely farmhouse in droves. Harry Price, one of the most famous ghost hunters alive at the time, investigated the case.

And the stories that Irving told them all grew even stranger. How Gef killed rabbits and left them on the porch.

How Gef would daily discover new words and ask about them: "Jim, what is countenance? Jim, what is a nun?"

How he would read the daily newspapers over Irving's shoulder and scream at him



On the Dalby Mountain in the Isle of Man, a lonely cottage suddenly became haunted. But by what? According to the "ghost" itself, it was a mongoose from Delhi. Whatever it was, it started one of the most amazing ghost-hunts ever recorded.

when he opened a letter: "Read it out you fat-headed gnome."

Irving said Gef told him: "Thou wilt never know what I am. I am a freak. I have hands and feet. And if you saw me you would be paralysed, petrified, mummified, turned into a pillar of salt. I am the fifth dimension. I am the eighth wonder of the world. I can split the atom."

But soon the Irvings were claiming to have caught glimpses of Gef—a weasel-like animal with a long bushy tail and hands like human hands. No one else saw him.

The haunting, it haunting it were, went on for five years. And the stories grew more remarkable. According to Mr Irving, Gef knew everything that was going on in the island. He knew the names of horses and when a foal was born. He could describe furniture in houses 20 miles away.

He told Irving all the gossip, saying he had overheard it while



riding on buses. Certainly it was difficult to understand how else Irving could have known of conversations on buses.

The Islanders, of course, became angry and John Cowley, a mechanic at the Peel bus terminus fixed a contact plate under a bus to electrocute Gef.

Irving was becoming attached to Gef, and told him about it. "Oh, I know all about that," Gef replied. "It's under bus 81." Irving checked. It was!

Stones, some weighing a pound, were thrown at Islanders from nowhere. They blamed Gef.

Now Gef told Irving that he was a mongoose, born on June 7, 1852, and came from Delhi.



The ghost hunters and reporters suspected ventriloquism. The Islanders suspected that Voirrey, the Irvings' daughter, was responsible. But, despite all manner of tests and traps, the investigators were unable to get to the bottom of the case. Anyway what could the Irvings gain from a hoax?

And then the case of the talking mongoose reached the High Court. One of the people who had helped investigate it was the then Editor of the B.B.C. paper, The Listener. When a titled man laughed at his interest in the affair, the editor sued him for slander and after a sensational action reported all over the world, was awarded £7,500 damages. Later the case was mentioned in the House of Commons. Radio comedians took it up.

But Gef's public career was almost at an end. The Irvings moved away from Cashen's Gap and vanished—at least from public notice.

Gef has never been heard of since. Some Islanders believe

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It all started in 1948 in the Greenland Department of the Chief Post Office in Copenhagen, where a young girl called Cecilie Stauning was busily sorting out Christmas mail.

Suddenly, she turned up a letter addressed to "Mr Santa Claus, Greenland." She put it aside. Then came another. And another. Soon there were 20 in all.

Miss Stauning looked at the letters for a long time. Should she defer them for returning? Instead, she took them home, opened them and replied with Santa's "warmest greetings."

One of her replies reached a little village in Essex, England. It was shown to a local newspaper. The newspaper gave it headlines, the Danish Tourist Association took note—and the scheme was launched.

Over the years, the number of letters multiplied. Last year, there were nearly 40,000. Dealing with the letters is a much sought-after job among



Every year thousands of children all over the world write to Santa Claus. Often they address their letters to "Fairland". One little girl in Dundee, Scotland, was not sure—but she was taking no chances. Her letter, you will be glad to know, was safely delivered.

skates and a teddy-bear to hug? "I will leave you some coffee, a mince pie and a sugar lump for Rudolph." Even Mrs Santa is catered for: "If you bring your wife, please tell me then I can put two lots of hot chocolate."

Some letters are faintly sinister, like the request of one six-year-old who asks for a "bulldozer, a cement mixer and some Egyptian mummy books."

Others are plainly threatening: "I would like a naragun, gum bullets and a target. I no you are a kind man, but if you dont bring them I will by them myself."

self when older and wait for you at the chimney."

Some children are worried about Santa's travelling powers. Margaret, c/o British Consulate-General, Hull, reminds Santa that he will have to get a visa to visit her home.

Is there a repentant note in the letter from Kenneth, of Water Street, Middleton (England) who discreetly reminds Santa of the name above the local toyshop, adds:

"Could you send a dummy for my brother and sum soap for my dirty face?"

But the children generally keep up with scientific progress. Last year, it was rockets and aeroplanes. This year, it will undoubtedly be spunkies and guided missiles.

Even so, the most popular requests from the youngest are for "a nuggle, a nuggle and sum sweets," and from the older toy construction outfits.

Also much appreciated are cowboy and policeman sets, ferries, toy trains and airfields, and something called "a foot-out."

Books and clothing are rarely mentioned.

The record for brevity must go to Lella, of Sheffield, who requests (perhaps after a chiding?) "Ples cool. I hav a new daddy."

And the record for optimism to Wallace, of East London, who demands a "grate big station in Ostralia so I can use my air-gun."

The addresses on the letters are varied, but often highly imaginative. One was to "Santa Claus, Toyland, Snowy White Ice



Thousands of letters to Santa Claus are re-directed to a department of the Danish Post Office in Copenhagen. Here a new batch is being delivered. Last year, nearly 40,000 letters arrived, and each one was answered individually.

Forest, Fairy World, Iceland or Greenland." Another was to "Santa, c/o The Seven Dwarfs, Reindeerland."

Whatever the address, postmen in Britain, and in many Commonwealth countries, know where to forward them—to Copenhagen, whether or not the postage is adequate.

And back comes the reply, printed in a wobbly blue hand: "Dear Little Friend, 'I was delighted to have your letter which reached me in my country, Denmark, of which Greenland is a part."

"If you are very good, I believe you will have your Christmas wishes fulfilled."

In any case, I am sure you will be pleased to receive one of the fairy tales written by our Danish story-teller, Hans Christian Andersen . . .

And so on, into the fairy tale. Thank-you notes are fairly common:

"Dear Santa— 'Ment thanks for a big red books an for the blooms an choklits and most of all for crane of wich works well. 'I dink wont anything better. 'See you again. 'Peter."

Letters to Santa come in all shapes and sizes, and the decorations at the top range from green-crayoned houses with smoking chimneys to balloon-like figures. Some are written on cheap, ruled paper with old suns scratched out on the back; others come on formal note-paper.

Those on the formal note paper are usually very polite: "I should be very pleased, sir, if you could come to . . ." and "Nothing could have pleased me better than . . ."

It was a shock, therefore, when one turned up with the blunt protest: "You silly old man! I said I wanted a TALKING doll."

Whatever the plea, or the insult or the threat, Denmark's busy Santa Claus Department works on enthusiastically.

But then, it all seems worthwhile when a letter like that of Brian's (Glasgow) comes into the crowded sorting room: "My frans dint beleve in you ill your letter came. Now they do and Mummy and Daddy do too now. 'Thank you very very much Santa Claus."

JOHN CLARKE FINDS A STORY AWAY FROM THE TEST

HE was ebony black, a husky 11 st. 10 lb., one inch over five feet tall, a square man, all shoulders and grin.

He wore a blue, peaked pillbox hat and dark blue uniform over which scarlet braid ran riot.

He was an Aboriginal Black Tracker, 31 years old and in police employ.

"And what's your name?" I asked him. "Ceell," he answered. "Ceell Garvey."

Black Trackers have been in the news here lately. They have been used in a long dramatic murder hunt in the South Australian bush.

Paternal

So I asked Inspector Harry Reinke of the Queensland police if I could meet one. He produced Ceell.

Reinke has come into town recently after being Protector of Aborigines up in the distant north.

He is one of those friendly, trustworthy men whom you find up and down the Empire as District Commissioners, exercising firm, paternal benevolence over people who have not caught up with the world.

"When Queensland police force started in 1864," Reinke said, "we had 170 white men

I meet a man who doesn't miss a thing

BLACK TRACKERS HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWS HERE LATELY . . . SO I TRACK DOWN ONE OF THEM

and 102 native troopers in the force. But as the years went on the native element dwindled, and by 1900 it had almost ceased to exist.

It was then they began to recruit Trackers. We have 23 in Queensland now and they are used not only to track suspects, but to find lost people who wander into the bush.

"It is not difficult to 'go bush' here for the bush begins in places ten miles out of town, and it goes on for ever in most directions. A man can wander out and get lost and die quite easily."

Diet of snakes

"These Black Trackers can see things white people would always miss," said Reinke. "A quite small stone turned up the

wrong way, a bent leaf, can put them on the track. You or I would not see any mark, but they would."

"They serve a most useful purpose, but the real old ones are dying out. It seems that when they eat the white man's food they begin to lose their wonderful eyesight."

"When they are on their own eating gums, a lizard-like animal, about the size of a hedgehog, and snakes and wild pig, which they hunt, they are all right."

He called Ceell, who had been sitting outside the open office door staring into space, or perhaps tracking flies climbing up the verandah wall.

Introductions were made. A crushing handshake, a broad beaming grin.

"In the bush," said Reinke,

"he'd not wear these clothes, but khaki slacks and khaki blouse. But with plenty of red braid on them. They love the braid, that's right isn't it, Ceell?"

His duties

"That's right," said Ceell, who is a bachelor and Church of England, and lives on his own in a hut in the grounds of a suburban mounted police depot.

"But's 'bout as high as this desk," said Ceell. If so, he could only have lain down in it. Outside the hut he did his own cooking on a government-provided stove, buying his own food from a government allowance.

"Corned beef and just beef mostly," he said.



switch names when they switched employers.

"So if Ceell was with you for long and liked you he might decide to become Ceell Clarke," said Reinke.

Before that could happen I left.

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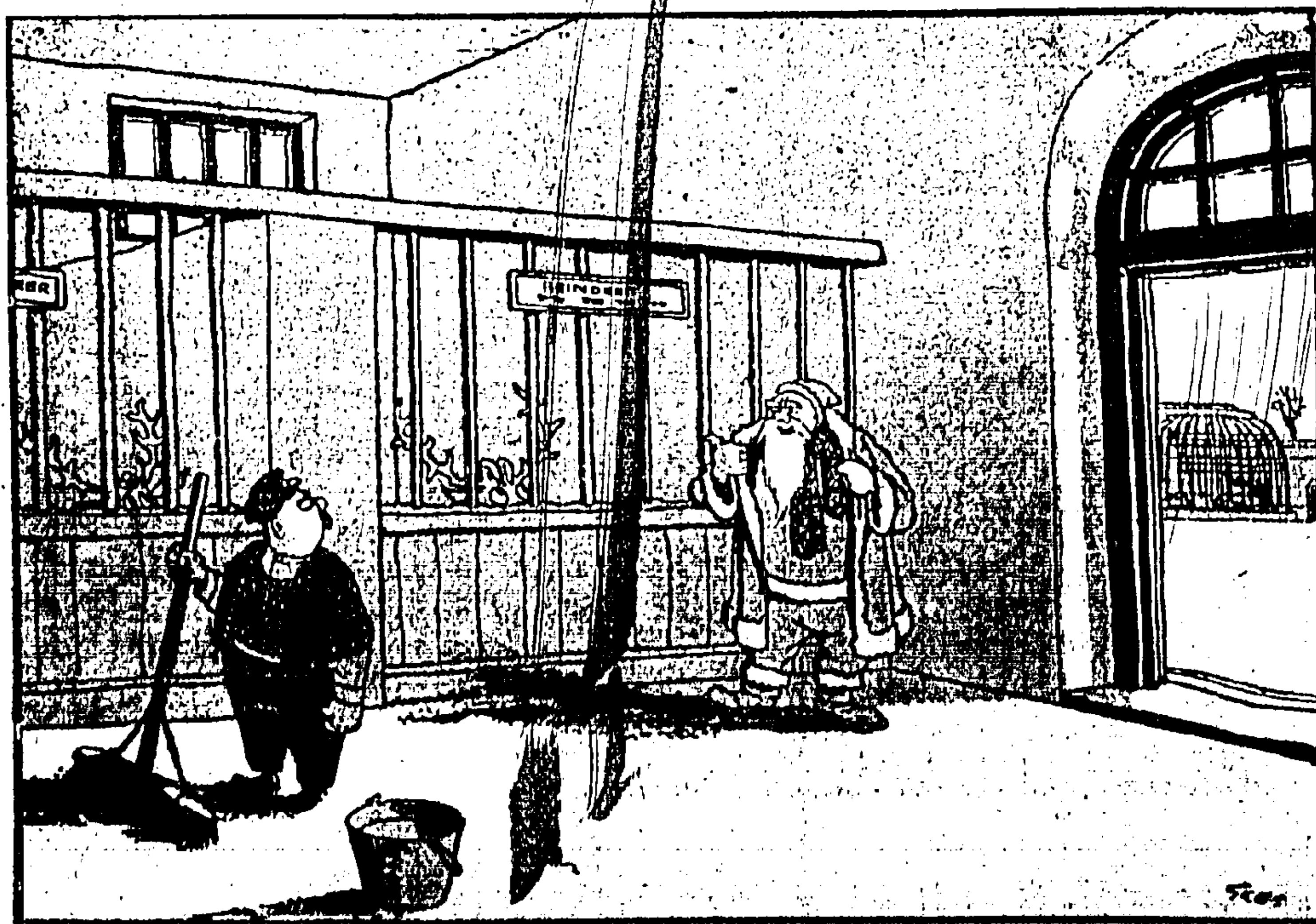
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"I'll give you a fanner apiece for 'em."

'Like beef'

"You been on walkabouts?" Reinke asked Ceell. Ceell gave him a look which said he would not dream of doing any such thing. Though there was something about his rolling black eyes that suggested he would not mind trying.

When his three-weeks-a-year leave comes round Ceell goes to stay with an aunt at a settlement called Woorabinda in Central Queensland. There he can get proper "tucker"—carpet snakes 12 feet long and guano. "Taste rano like beef, but better," said Ceell. "You roast them in hot ashes."

On holidays he spends his spare time fishing. Here in town he spends it carving walking sticks and boomerangs, smoking (20 a week), and going to the cinema where his favourites are Westerns and Abbott and Costello.

His name

His pay is £5.14s a fortnight with a similar sum banked for him against old age.

"I've known a lot of these chaps who'd have as much as a thousand pounds in the bank," said Reinke.

"How did you get your name?" I asked Ceell Garvey.

"My mother and father give it me," he said.

Reinke explained that Aborigines usually took surnames of people they worked for, and would quite cheerfully



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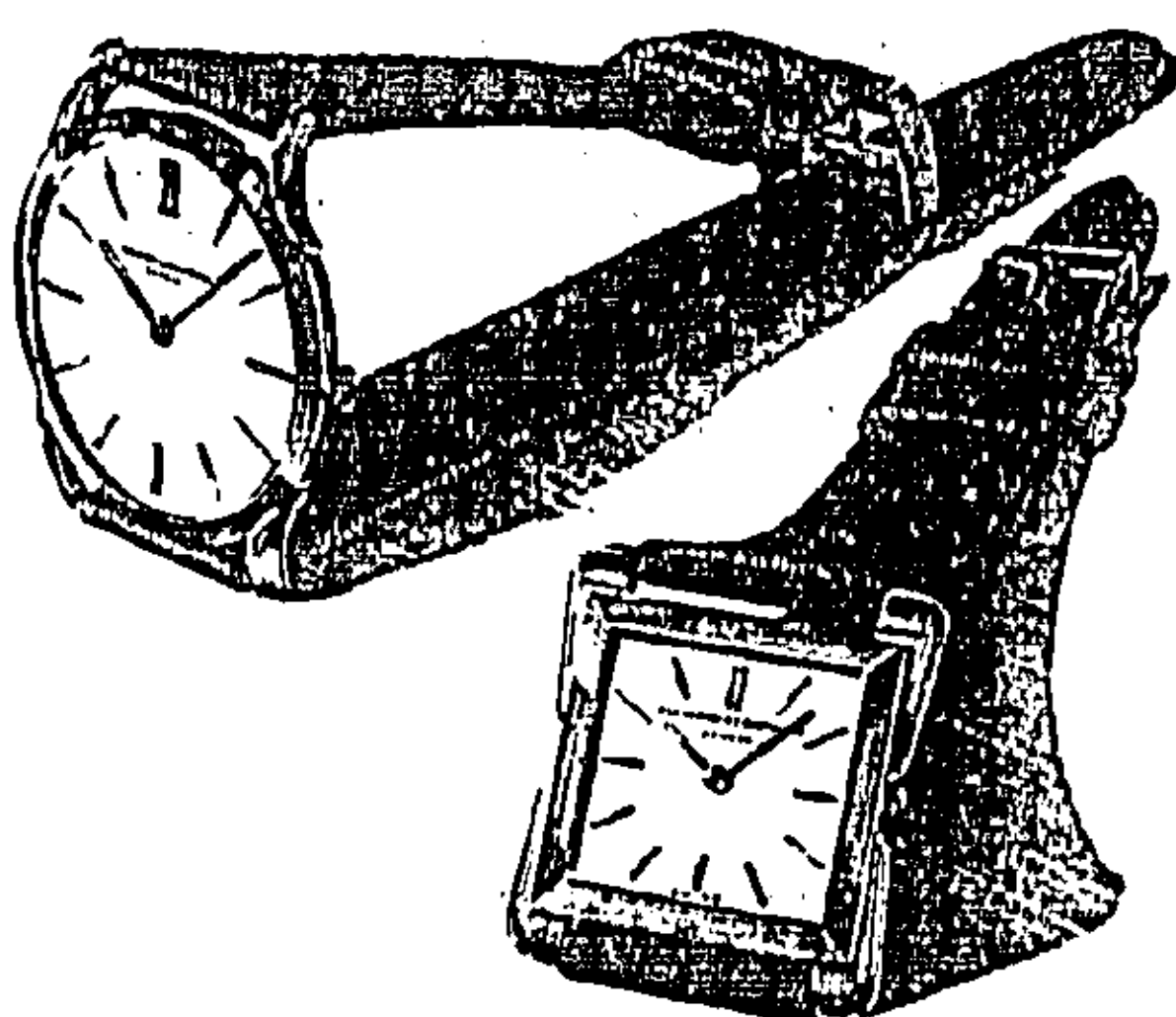


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THE TIME THAT THEY NATIONALISED CHRISTMAS...

BY WILLIAM BARKLEY

IF my memory serves me right in my extreme old age it was in the year 1971 that the Tory Government nationalised Father Christmas.

For you, my dear great-grand-daughter, I will put these events in proper order.

It was, I think, in the previous year, 1970, that the Tory Government denationalised the mines, railways, electrical and gas industries, and in general the means of production and distribution.

They sold the lot for £5,000 million and this sum gave them a whop of a hump for their annual Budget.

Bai goom

It was, of course, proposed by Gresham and other economists that this windfall should go to reduce the troublesome National Debt.

But the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Arthur Tiley (Tory, West Bradford), said: "Bai goom, what a soom."

He said in the House that for years the Treasury had been taking capital in death duties and spending it as income and now, bai goom, it was Tory policy to continue the process.

Mr. Harold Wilson (Soc. Mayton), very sorry to be late

"Point of order, point of order," with nobody listening.

And in front of Mr. George Wigg, who in another quavering old voice was spying strangers in all directions with nobody noticing.

Finally, the Speaker, Mr. George Thomas (Soc., Cardiff West) threw off his full-bottomed wig and, coming down from the Chair, threw the full-bottomed Mr. Wigg clean out of the Chamber.

Wiping his hands, he said: "Order, order," and resumed the Chair.

It is a blot on the otherwise splendid career of Mr. Tiley at the Treasury that he failed to anticipate what would result from his fixing the date for the operation of the Act at December 1.

On that date the big-hearted British public suddenly found that it had the equivalent of £5,000 million of extra spending money in its pockets with only about 20 shopping days to Christmas.

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This would issue statutory instruments limiting Christmas cards to one formula and licensing people for the purchase of Christmas presents which could be reduced to two or perhaps three types.

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Ministers showed the strain. A weary President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Cyril Osborne (Tory, Louth), said: "We must stop the Christmas trade."

How? It seemed hopeless. But the darkest hour is ever before the dawn. A light of inspiration wrapped the serene brow of the Grand Old Man.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Rab Butler, opened his lips. He did more. He spoke — just two words: "Nationalise it," he said.

mas everybody should send everybody else £5 and that all other gifts should be illegal.

The question then was that these words be there inserted. But after hurried notes between himself and the officials in the box, Mr. Tiley said: "It has been suggested to me that a great deal of work would be avoided in bank clearance houses if it was assumed that everybody exchanged Five Quid without actually doing so."

No gratitude

And that, my dear great-grand-daughter, ended the Christmas trade.

In this way the Bill was passed under the Parliament Act and got the Royal Assent.

It looks easy now but it was difficult at the time. But, my dear, there is no gratitude in politics. Here now for some years we have enjoyed the destruction of the Christmas trade.

No longer are we fobbed off by tradesmen from July to December on the excuse that when we want to buy something useful they are sorry but there must be some delay because of the approach of the Christmas rush.

No longer from January to June are we fobbed off by tradesmen on account of their not having yet recovered from the rush of the Christmas trade. One month is now like another. We can get on with our affairs all the year round.

Perhaps I am an old grumpy but I fear that the Socialists will destroy this new peace by winning the forthcoming election on the policy of denationalising Father Christmas.

But, my dear, we must expect changes in this life.

A Board

A murmur of approval ran round the Cabinet table. The wise old owl jingling his keys added: "Nationalisation has never failed yet. Huh! Huh! Huh!"

Accordingly a Bill was introduced to that effect in one clause. This proved too simple.

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Old story

The result should have been foreseen by the Chancellor's advisers. It is an old story, but we older people remember. An orgy broke out of Yuletide buying.

Everybody at once bought 20 pairs of socks of the wrong size and sent them off to everybody else. Nobody ordered Christmas presents in less than dozens.

The whole retail trade went haywire on trash to satisfy this market of £5,000 million. Nobody thought for a moment of buying power stations or steel ingots or useful things like that.

It got to the point where traffic was tangled and brought to a standstill with discarded socks, stockings, gloves, and nerves all sent by the dozen and none of them fitting.

Sober trade and industry came to a standstill. Consols dropped five points. Unemployment was rampant. Soup kitchens were opened when the National Assistance Board ran out of cash.

Inspired

It was clear even to a Tory Government that something must be done.

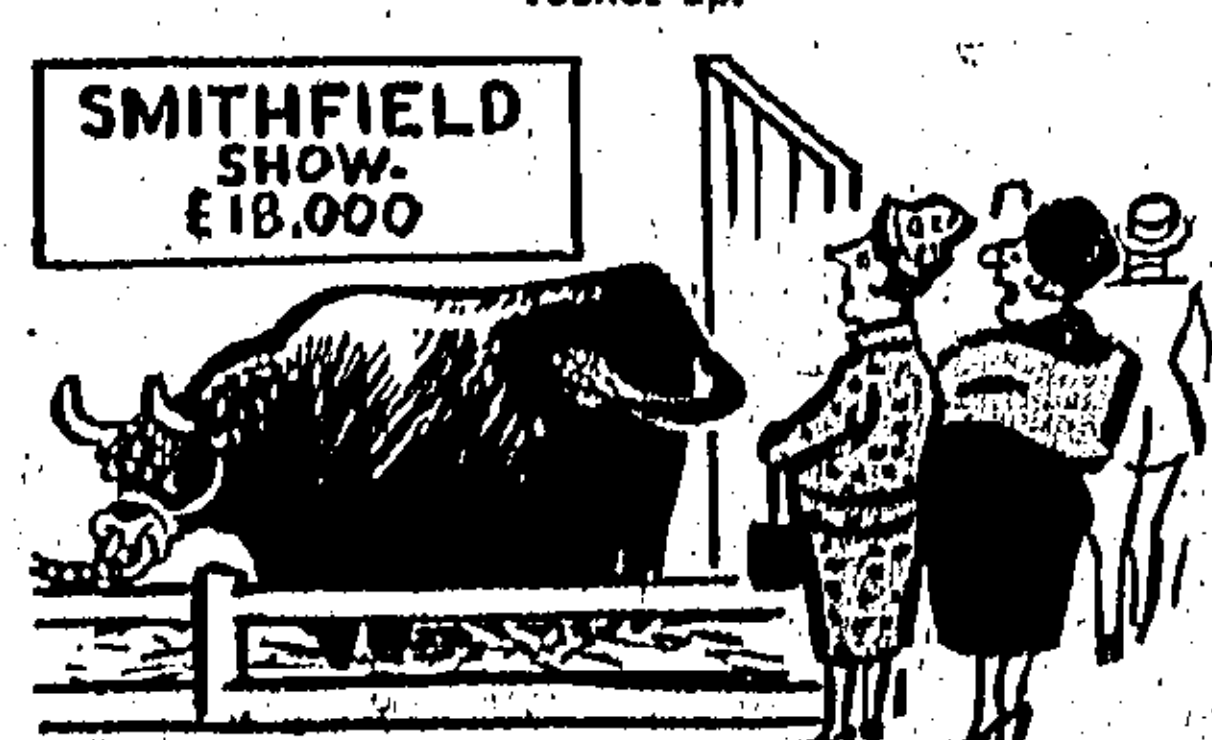
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"I suppose General Serov is writing his memoirs now like so many of our dear Western generals!"

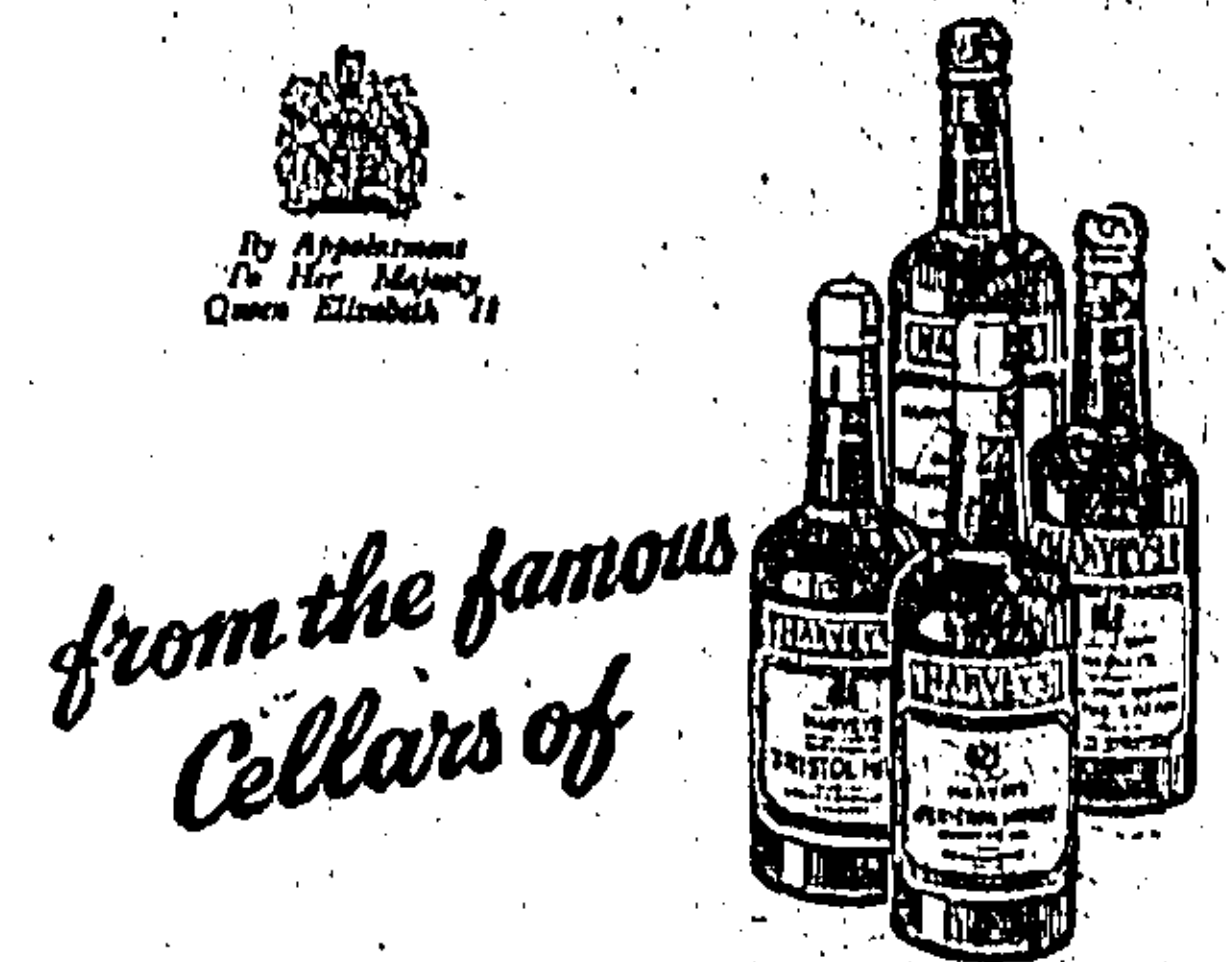


"In case of trouble you press the first button to call the police, and the other button to send the rocket up."



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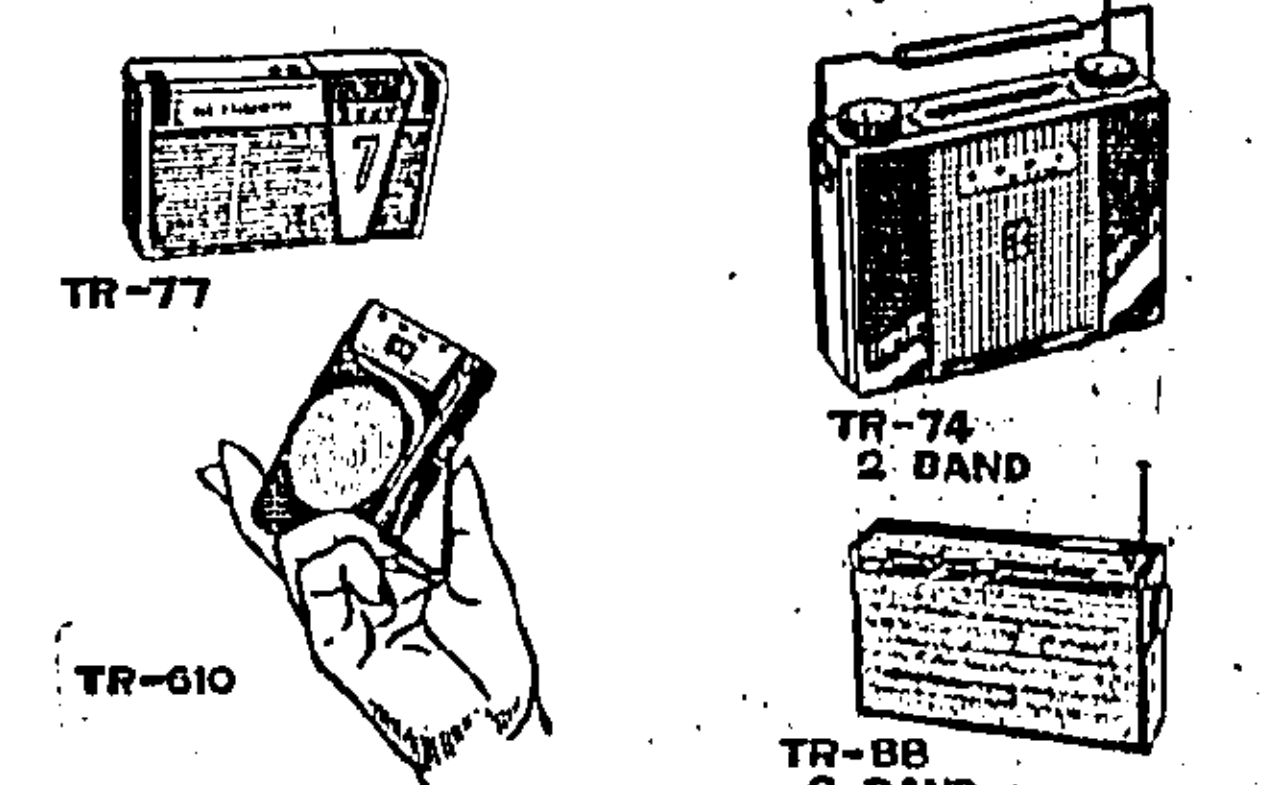
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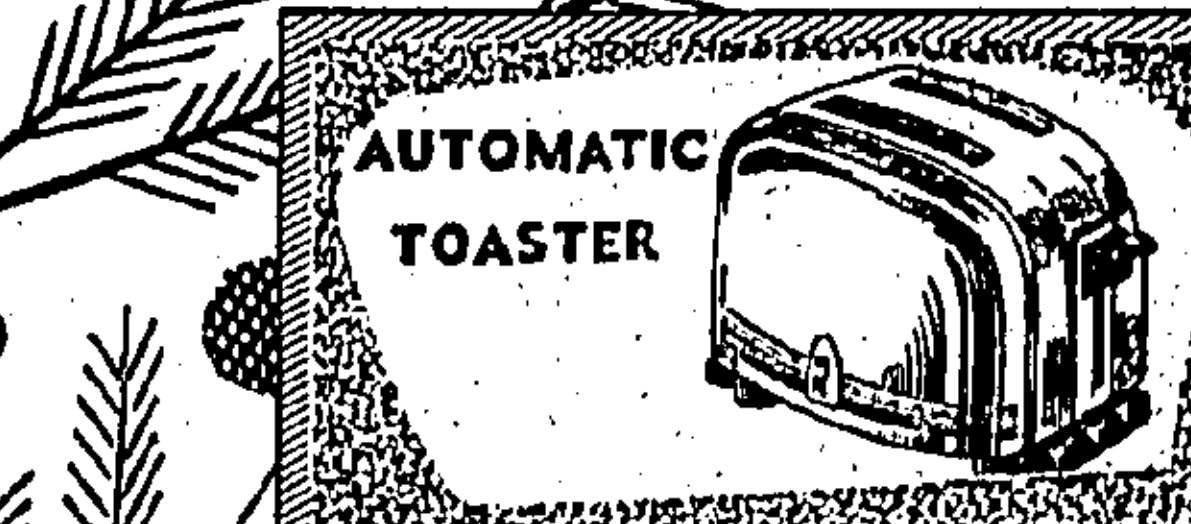
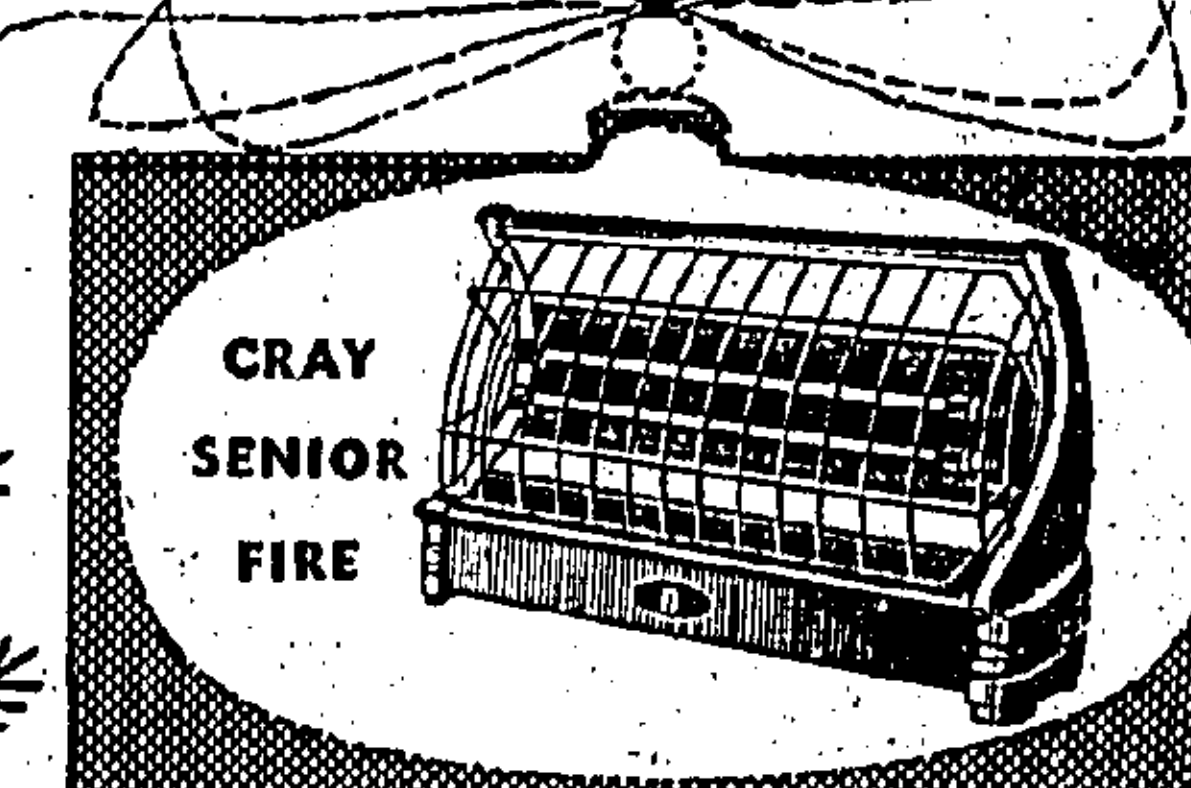
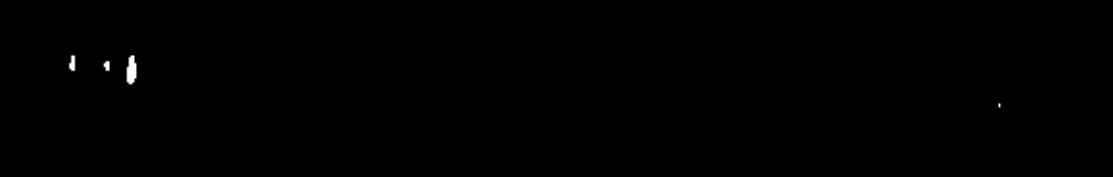
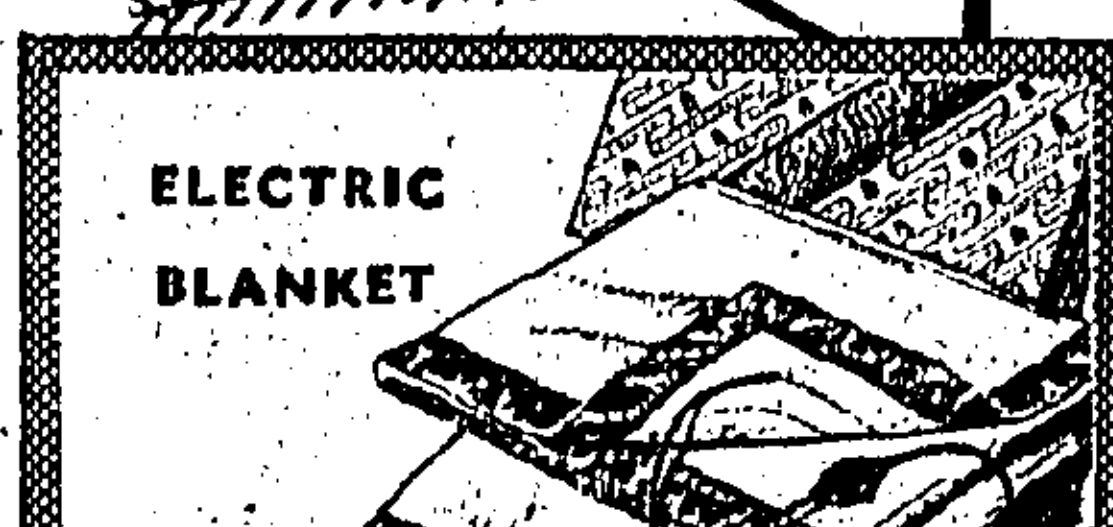
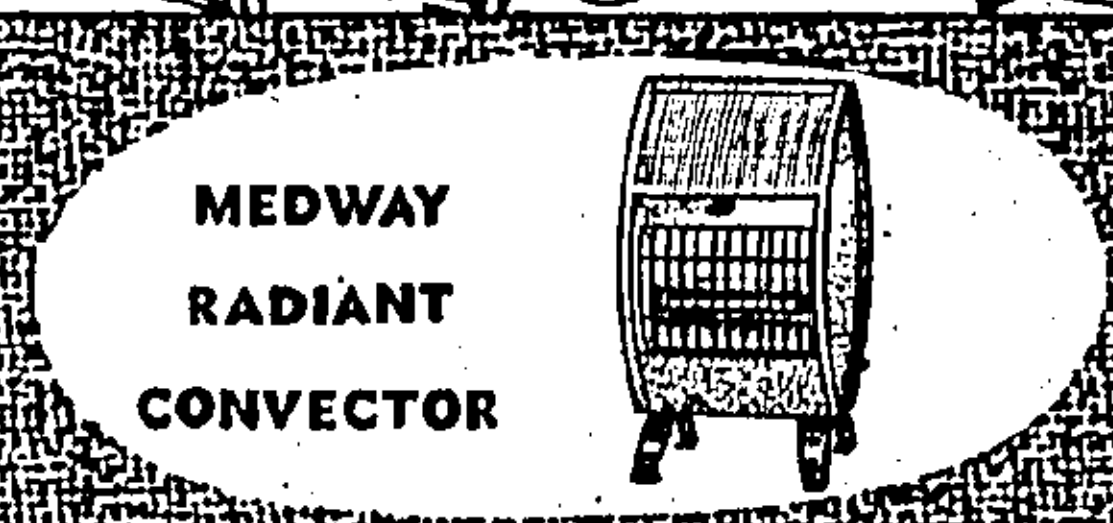
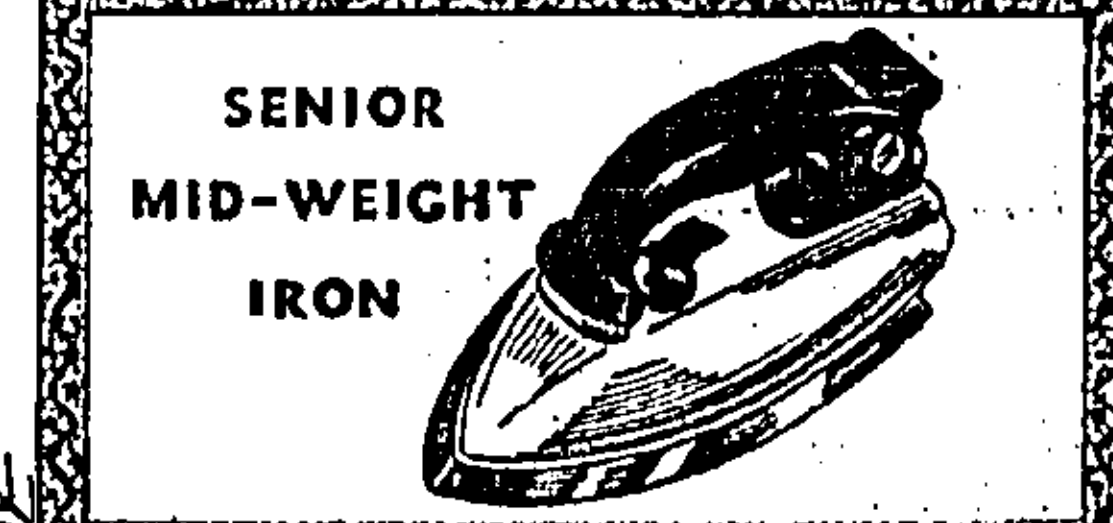


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Now go ahead and make him the Do-It-Yourself way. Like this:—

You will need: Head and body, 3-8ths of a yard of yellow felt, for one piece 36ins. by 4ins. Eyes, scrap of white plastic, two shiny, black buttons 1in. diameter, with shanks for the pupils. Collar, 12ins. of red plastic belting 1in. wide for an old belt, with buckle, with do. Nose, piece of black, shiny and feet, black, shiny. And you'll also need kapok for filling.

Cut pattern, pin on to material and cut. The main body parts, ears and feet are cut on double material, gussets on single. All parts to straight of cloth except ears. Clip into notches.

Match up

QUARTER-INCH turnings are allowed on pattern except eyes, nose and collar, which have none.

Take care not to make turnings any wider than 1in. when sewing, and match all notches, easing in and stretching where necessary, to shape.

Join underneath gussets at A, notches together. Pin right sides of main body parts together and stitch from D at head to E at tail base.

Pin right side of body legs to right of gusset legs and stitch from E down to F at back of foot. Fasten off, leaving base of foot open.

Start stitching again from G at front of foot and carry on to F at back of foot. Fasten off, leave base open.

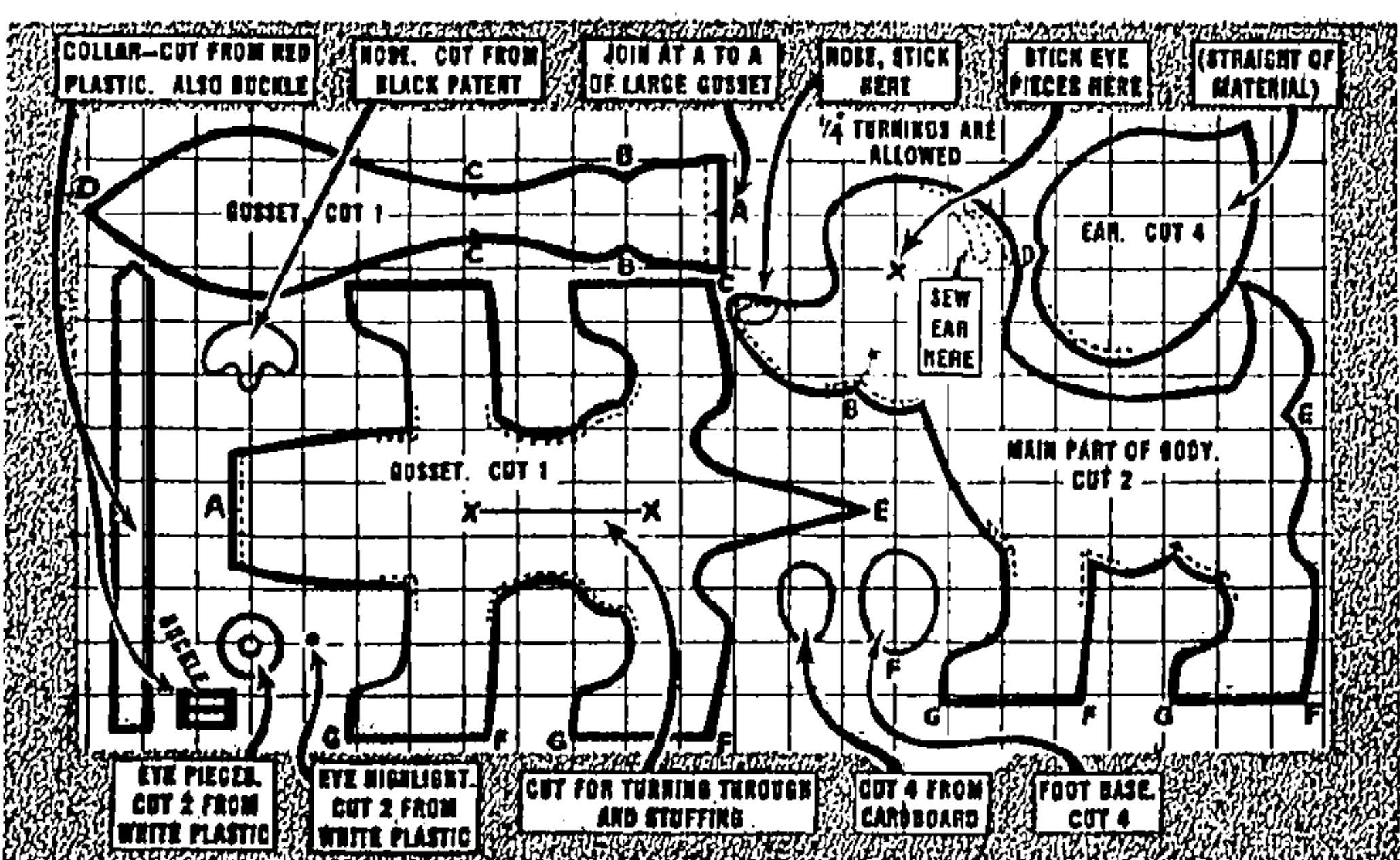
Then stitch from G at front of foot right round to D, matching perfectly—B of gusset to B of main body parts of mouth, C to C at nose tip. (From B to C stretch gusset, easing in slightly body nose parts.)

Pin up

TAKE from machine, pin right side of second body part to first. Right side of opposite edge of gusset and repeat process as above stitching from E to D. Always fasten off stitching at every break.

Stitch or sew in foot pieces, guiding F to F at each foot. Stitch round for turning through. Clip into all curved parts and corners to allow for shaping.

PUT PEPITO in the PICTURE with this EASY-WAY PATTERN



THE FIRST STEP Copy cut this pattern on a piece of graph paper 30 inches long by 14 inches wide (one square equals one inch). Then cut your cloth pattern from your paper drawing.

then turn through carefully, to place, using strong thread and a long darning needle.

Place one button on to thread, push needle through to other side of head, thread on second button and push needle back to first button.

Pull up

PULL thread fairly tight and tie ends securely. The button shanks should sink right into head through holes in eye whites.

With black silk thread, put two big running stitches from x to x at mouth, tying thread neatly at centre of mouth. Sew three half-inch long stitches at front of feet for toes—pulling tightly to shape.

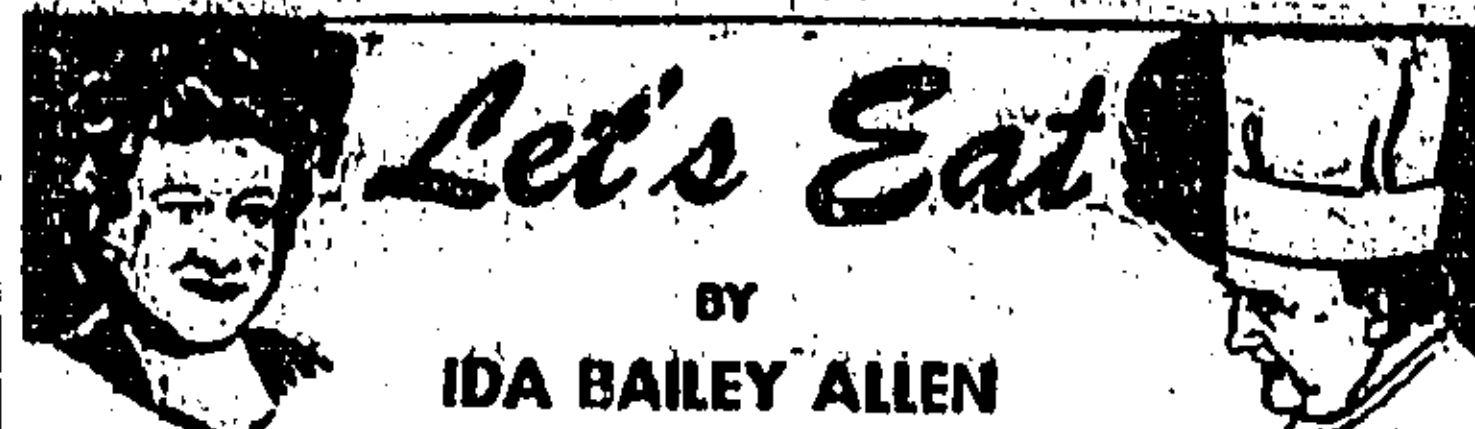
Push a strand of thin millinery wire into ears, bending to shape, turn in raw edges and slip stitch.

Make a small plant at ear bases, where shown on pattern, and catch with a couple of tiny stitches. Sew ears tightly on to head, at place marked on pattern, with small slip stitches.

Write out Pepito's label and stick on to collar, make ring from plastic and slip in place. Put collar round neck and push head and ears through hole, mitered end on top. Hold in place with a few stitches.

Now Pepito is ready for his new owner.

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Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Novel Holiday Recipes
Sent From "Down Under"

OUR Christmas tables here will be especially festive this season," writes Home Economist Del Cartwright, our brilliant young friend in Australia.

"While there will be a white Christmas in the States, summer will be at its loveliest here."

TABLE DECORATIONS

"My dinner table will be laid with green-and-red Italian avery linen. The centerpiece will be of sculptured ice—all



AUSTRALIAN HOME ECONOMIST and radio star, Del Cartwright, sends Christmas with a recipe for a banana fruit pudding.

the rage here—and there will be garlands of green, punctuated with red and white striped carnations. The candles will be pale green.

"I'm going to wear a green and white print silk—it helps to make the Christmas dinner even more festive when the hostess' frock carries out the holiday colours, don't you think?"

We not only think, we certainly approve. Merry Christmas, Australia!

Del's Australian Banana Fruit Pudding for Christmas: Mix together 2 1/2 c. packed-down fine crumbs from two-day-old bread (no crusts), 3 tsp. pastry spice, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 c. (or 3 oz.) mixed fruits and peels, 1 c. (or 6 oz.) raisins and 1/2 c. (or 3 oz.) red currants.

Mash 2 ripe bananas thoroughly. Dissolve 1 tsp. baking soda in 1/2 c. milk and add to the bananas. Then stir into the bread crumb mixture. Transfer to a buttered 4 qt. mould or metal bowl. Cover closely, or fit a layer of aluminium foil over the top. Steam 2 hrs.

Serve with rum-flavoured hard sauce.

Rum-Flavoured Hard Sauce: Stir 1/2 c. butter or margarine until soft. Add 1 beaten egg alternately with 2 c. sifted 10X confectioner's sugar and 1/2 tsp. rum-flavouring. Beat until thoroughly mixed.

Heap in an attractive dish; garnish with mixed fruits and peels; chill.

To Steam Fuddings: Place a wire rack on the bottom of a 4 qt. kettle. Pour in 2 c. boiling water. Set the mould on the rack. Add enough rapidly boiling water to come to a little less than half way up the mould. Put on the lid; boil rapidly 30 min., then more slowly for the time directed for remaining 90 min. If the water gets low, add more rapidly boiling water.

DINNER

Chris Fruit Cup
Chicken Fricassee in Whipped Potato Ring
Buttered Broccoli
Browned Parsnips
Spanish Cream
Whipped Topping

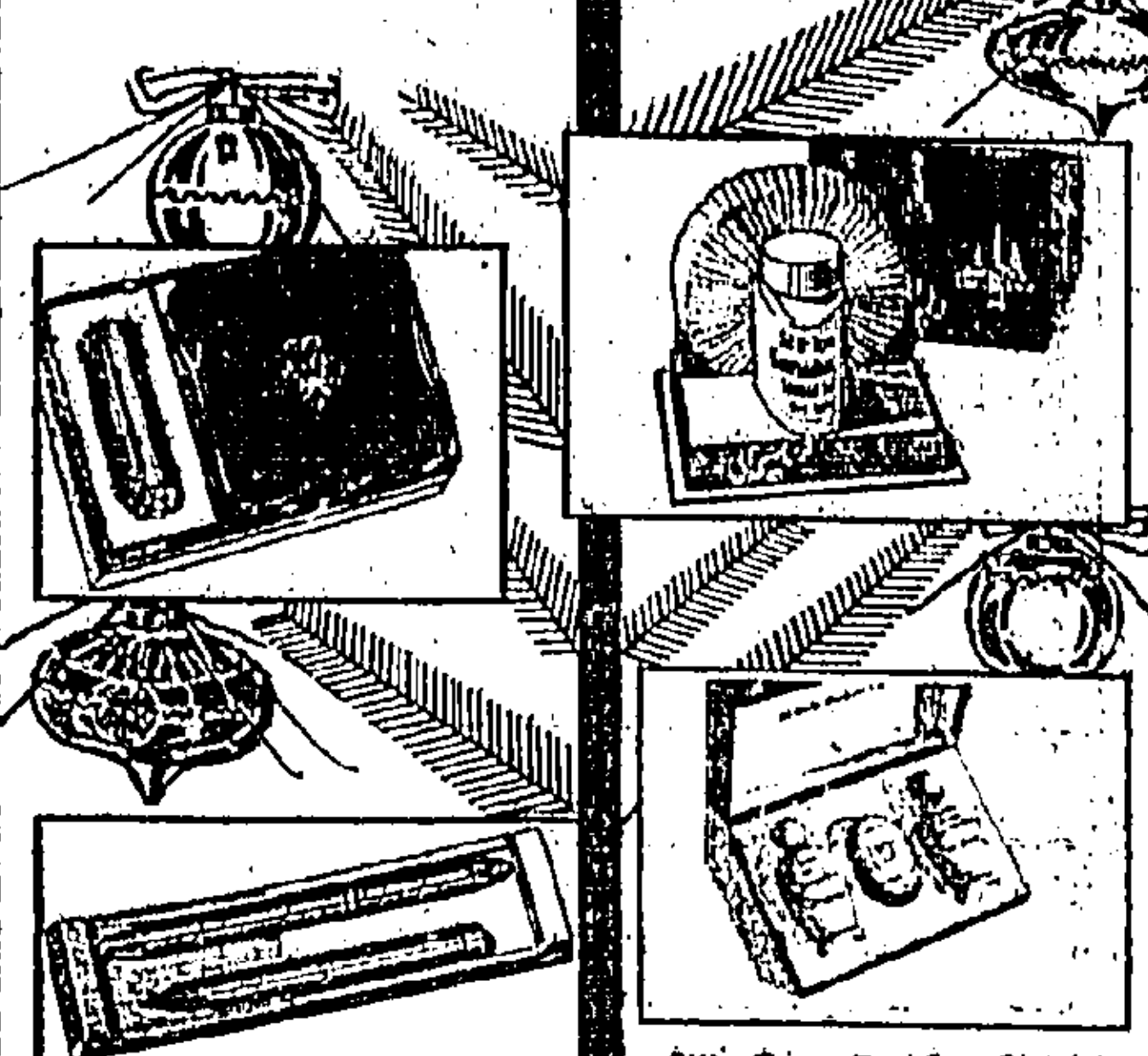
No trick at all to taking the required amount of milk a day. At least half can be "eaten" with cereals, in soups, puddings, custards and in cream-type sauces, such as that used in preparing creamed crab in toast cases.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

BORN today, you have a sensitive, highly perceptive nature, but you don't want others to realise this. Consequently you cover up by being blunt and combative. In other words, you are too often on the defensive when, in fact, you are using this approach as a method of defence. Make a real effort to change this attitude or you may discover that it blocks your progress toward a speedy success.

The stars have given you exceptional gifts, and if you are co-operative, you will find that you can achieve fine results. Learn to be more direct in your approach to a problem. You often go by the most devious path rather than in a straight line. Remember, a straight line is the shortest distance between two points.

You dislike showing ignorance on anything and will tend to "bluff it out" rather than admit you don't know and then seek expert advice. Very often, you know, two heads are better than one in solving a problem. You are versatile and can do several things equally well. Diversification makes an interesting life, but specialisation and concentration on one objective at a time often brings the quickest results.

Affectionate by nature, you are not demonstrative and often suppress your real feelings rather than make a show of them. Cultivate more spontaneity in this respect and you will find more happiness.

Among those born on this date are: Max Lerner, editor and author; Henry B. M. Watson, British author; Senator John J. Sparkman, Alabama legislator; Calvert Vaux, landscape artist; Harvey Samuel Firestone, industrialist and pioneer in rubber manufacture.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A happy, romantic day for you. Enjoy the company of the one you love best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Best to postpone the start of a long journey until a little later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Being frank and open is far better advice for today than being secretive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Take time to finish up that Christmas list if you have been dilly-dallying!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A good day to avoid being impatient with anyone! Hold that attitude.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—If things don't appear to be progressing as fast as they should, it's the day, not your fault!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

BORN today, you are original in thought and action. You like to make plans on the grand scale and your head is usually held high in the clouds. You dream great dreams, but, in addition, you have the rare ability of making most of them come true. You have decided ideas and will stick to them despite all kinds of opposition. You rarely, if ever, seek advice, and when you do, it is usually a tactical manoeuvre. You are a good strategist and know when it is polite to listen to arguments on the other side of the fence. That is not to say that you will ever act upon what you hear!

You have a magnetic personality and are able to influence people, for you appear to do it so effortlessly. Some of your bitterest opponents can be won over by your persuasive arguments. You would make a good defence attorney but would need to believe in your client 100 per cent to defend him. You are interested in affairs of the state but would not make a good machine politician on the local level, for you would refuse to take directions from anyone.

It is important that you keep your ideals high, for you have the power to lead people—and in which direction you lead is of the utmost importance. You are inclined to be superstitious and must guard against permitting yourself to be influenced in this respect. You tend to worry over trifles. Conquer this trait or it can cause much needless unhappiness.

Among those born on this date are: Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman and author; Albert Payson Terhune, author, famous for his dog stories; Walter Hines Page, editor, author and diplomat; Joseph Stalin, Soviet dictator; Laura Dewey Bridgman, blind, deaf-mute educator.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A banner shopping day, especially for your festive holiday wardrobe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If buying a pet for the children for Christmas, this is a good day to select one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Invited to a dancing party, be sure to accept. You should have a wonderful time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You can be a little extravagant today without fear of straining the budget.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Arrangements for the Christmas decorations so that the house is beautiful for the holidays.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Conditions on the job should show definite improvement. Get

ment matters. Look forward to

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ABOVE: Some officers of the Grand Lodge of the England and the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, E.C., who attended the annual Masonic service at St John's Cathedral last Sunday.



RIGHT: The annual dinner of the Auxiliary Medical Services was held at St John Ambulance Brigade Island Headquarters, Tai Hong, this week. Seen chatting at the function are Mr Alastair Todd, Defence Secretary (left) and Dr the Hon. D. J. M. MacKenzie, Director of Medical and Health Services.



ABOVE: Mr D. Benson, Chairman of Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, giving a speech during the annual speech day of the Hongkong Jockey Club Primary School last week.



ABOVE: Mrs Ngan Shing-kwan presents a prize to a student at the Clementi Middle School speech day this week. In the centre is Mrs Lee Leung Yin-king, the vice-principal.

BELOW: A young man encouraged by a smiling Girl Guide, tries his luck at the Tac H Christmas Fete held last Saturday at the Tsinghsatui Kai-fong School.



ABOVE: Part of the large gathering at the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce annual charity ball which was held last week at the Paramount Restaurant.

LEFT: Mr F. T. Molwani helps two young guests to some food during a children's Christmas party given by him at the Hindu Temple on Sunday. Some 200 youngsters, including 33 blind boys and girls, were entertained.

BELOW: The Latin American Association recently celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St Teresa's Church. At a gathering later in the Church Hall, Father Christmas is soon distributing gifts to the children.



ABOVE: A carol-singing scene by some of the children entertained by the Y's Men's Club at a part held at the Chinese Methodist Church in Wanchai last Saturday.



BELOW: Mr and Mrs Wendell S. Merick pose with their attendants shortly after their wedding last Saturday at St Joseph's Church. The bride is the former Mrs Dolores Marie Saint. The groom is Hongkong bureau chief of United Press International. L-R: Mr R. Finnerty, Mrs Jean Marie Barnes, Mr F. Robertson, bride, groom, Mrs Catherine Walsh (groom's mother).

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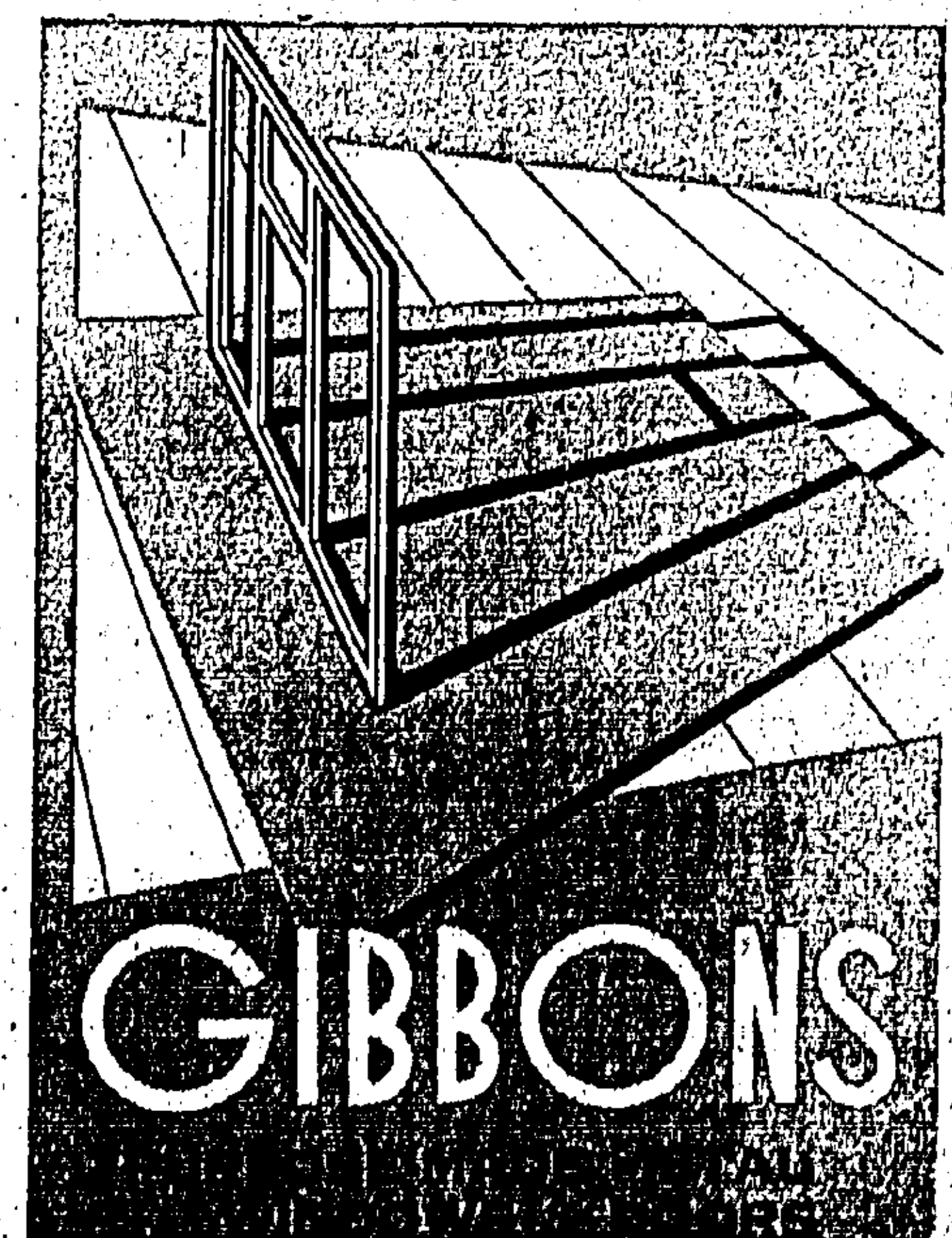
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ABOVE: H.E. the Governor, Sir Robert Black, presenting the Police Review Cup to Mr D. H. Taylor, in a ceremony at Police Headquarters on Monday. On right is Mr Ramon Young.



RIGHT: Mrs S. N. Chau presenting a certificate to a student during the Wellington College speech day held on Monday.



ABOVE: Miss T. M. Chan (left) and Miss E. M. Cheung singing their numbers at the finals of the "Beginners' Pleasure" Contest held at Radio Hongkong's Concert Hall on Sunday.

BELOW: Mr A. N. Reynolds, an ex-Hongkong Police officer who recently returned to the Colony after an absence of 26 years, watches as recruits march past during a passing-out parade at Aberdeen.



BELOW: Mr and Mrs Peter Halvard Fellberg shortly after their wedding at the Norwegian Seamen's Mission last week.



ABOVE: Boys of the Mu Kuang School, Kai Tak New Village, enjoying themselves at a Christmas party held on board the ss President Wilson on Saturday.



LEFT: A scene from the Cantonese opera "Rain-carnation," which was presented at the Lee Theatre recently to raise funds for the new Kwong Wah Hospital.

BELOW: Two machine-gun sections of the Hongkong Regiment set their sights during manoeuvres held at the Regiment's annual camp at Far East Farm, New Territories, recently.



ABOVE: Thirty members of the Aircraft Enthusiasts' Club were given a demonstration of tank tactics by the 1st Royal Tank Regiment at Sek Kong recently. The visitors are seen here posing for the camera atop one of the tanks.



BELOW: A Christmas concert was given by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra at the Paramount, Windsor House, this week. The Orchestra is seen playing a number under the baton of its conductor, Mr Victor Ardy.

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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

What NOT to give this Christmas

By Eileen Ascroft

MEN like bragging about successful Christmas presents that reveal thought and affection. They also have definite dislikes.

Here are businessmen Langley Powe's special hates. They may give you a welcome warning about your own particular male.

DON'T give crass gifts, presents, such as a car cleaning outfit if it's a job he normally shirks.

DON'T give him anything for his favourite hobby, unless you are sure it is the right kind and make.

DON'T give him anything for the house. Think how you feel when it happens to you.

DON'T give him practical presents like underclothes, which he can't exhibit to friends.

DON'T give him anything to drink or smoke unless you know he likes drinking or smoking it.

From business woman Laurie Newton Sharp comes this list of don'ts. (I echo every one!)

DON'T give perfume because you think it smells nice, or the girl in the shop fancies it. It must be her favourite brand.

DON'T give chocolates, unless she's slim as a reed and you know she likes them.

DON'T give stockings, unless you know not only the size, but the brand and shade as well.

DON'T give her things she needs for the house. She won't regard this as a present at all.

DON'T give clothes, unless you're terribly sure of your own taste and hers.

Interesting

MY story last week of Lady Jellicoe becoming a working girl for the first time at 40 has brought me other interesting experiences of the enterprising ladies.

I lunched the other day with two women who had never considered a job until their sons went away to do military service.

Touchy

WOMEN are just as touchy about presents that reveal lack of thought and affection.

Dry Soapsuds Make Snow For The Tree

WE really don't envy people who have a mint of money to spend for Christmas. They miss the fun of the job of preparing for this joyous holiday.

Some people will just call in a flock of professional angels and let them decorate the house, the party tables and the Christmas tree. The results are exquisite, but they are also impersonal because they lack the feeling of work that is done for the love of it, not for gain.

Most of us love this extra work. Our ingenuity and imagination get a workout and even the little ones have a chance to lend a hand, although everything may have to be done again afterwards.

There's snow to be made, ribbons and wreaths to be shined up, and so much to be done that the house becomes a beehive of bustling activity.

Snow-making is one of the holiday projects for the family, especially the youngsters. Great big bowls of dry soapsuds are whipped with an egg beater or electric mixer until they are stiff and frothy. Then they are ready to be spread with a spoon over Christmas tree branches, the leaves on the chimney piece, and to speckle the door and window wreaths.

By Eleanor Ross

Let the first layer dry, then add a second layer. For a beautifully realistic effect, sprinkle top with dry soap flakes. Or, if you don't care how lavish you get, sprinkle it with cranberries, sequins or bitter-sweet berries.

It is amazing what really beautiful and artistic effects can be created with the aid of these props, when they are used with imagination. The suds dry in a few hours and last as long as the festivities.

If you want to use some of that fine satin ribbon that has done duty in other years and which you cherish for association's sake, just suds and press it. Lay a piece of wax paper over the ribbon when you press it to restore its crispness.

A gentle sponging with dry suds gives new life to artificial greenery. And ornaments will shine like new if you go over them with a sudsy sponge.

And did you know that tarnished tinware will gleam again after a soap and water bath? Swish it through lukewarm suds and rinse then dry it on a towel to dry.

And for another good trick, rub candles between well-washed palms so that they won't drip or smudge when the time comes to light them up.

Ruth Stokes, married to a wholesale haberdasher was feeling bored one day and answered an advertisement for an office cleaning supervisor.

Betty Marshall, wife of a bank official, had the same urge. "I had too much time to be ill and my doctor said what I needed was a real job of work."

Once

Once they'd learned the business they borrowed £200 capital and set up their own office cleaning concern.

That was in March 1955. By June they had landed their first big contract. Today they have a turnover of £50,000 a year.

Not bad going for two housewives in their forties with time on their hands!

"Personal supervision has been the key to our success," says half-Irish Betty Marshall. "I'm a perfectionist and really enjoy good results."

Ruth Stokes—"three-quarters Welsh and one-quarter!"—is the business end. She studies the

City and business notes each day for possible contacts and reckons to land one good contract for every 500 letters she writes.

Their business day starts at 9.30 in the morning, "but most of our hard work is finished by 9.00."

Now they employ an army of cleaners — "mostly married women, they're so responsible" — several supervisors and a mechanic working full-time on the various cleaning machines.

Men are employed for the window cleaning and heavy jobs — "not so easy to manage as the women" — and they already have two vans for transporting heavy equipment.

Shipping offices, grain importers, advertising agencies, oil companies all come under their spit-and-polish care.

"But it's the modern offices women really enjoy working in," they told me, "and their chief grumble is untidy desks."

How much time do these highly professional "Mrs Mops" have to devote to their own homes?

Not much nowadays. Both have daily cleaning women, but still like to do their own shopping and cooking.

Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Airliner's Holiday Dinner Equally Festive At Home

"THROUGHOUT the holidays hundreds of thousands of people will be travelling by plane. But wherever they go, the gaiety and glamour of the season flies along, too," observed the Chef.

"For example, the head of the commissary of a world-famous airline gave me the appetising holiday dinner menu they will serve. Perhaps our readers would like to try it at home."

Airline Holiday Dinner

Mushroom Soup
Assorted Relishes
Roast Stuffed Turkey
Candied Sweet
Seasonable Vegetable
Red Cranberry Relish Ringed with Pineapple
Choice of
Plum Pudding
Branded Mince Pie or
Multiflavoured Ice Cream
Coffee

The Christmas trays will hold favours: a miniature Santa Claus or peppermint candy cane; special holiday mints shaped like stars, bells and Santas; assorted nuts and chocolates.

Appetising Turkey Stuffing: Use slightly dried enriched bread, enough for an 8 lb. turkey or 2 (3½ lbs.) chickens. Be sure to add a little baking powder to make the stuffing light.

Basic New England Stuffing: Combine 5 c. (not fresh) enriched bread crumbs (packed down), 2 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, 2 tsp. poultry seasoning, 2 tsp. monosodium glutamate, ½ tsp. scraped onion and 1 tsp. baking powder.

Stir in 2½ c. heated reconstituted instant milk.

Melt 4 tbsp. meat fat in a large frying pan. Turn in the stuffing. Saute until half dry but not browned.

Oyster Crumb Stuffing: Add ½ pt. shucked halved or drained oysters to New England stuffing.

Cheese - Mushroom Crumb stuffing: To the basic stuffing, add 1 c. coarse-grated sharp American cheese or cheese food, 2 tsp. fine-chopped pickle, 1 minced peeled scallion garlic and ¼ lb. chopped fresh mushrooms.

Sausage Stuffing: Slow-fry 1 lb. sausage meat until done. Drain off the fat. Mash the sausage fine. Add to the basic New England stuffing.

Tomorrow's Dinner

Beef Bouillion
Liver Saute with Bacon
Creamed Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Green Pepper Cakes
Blueberry Tapioca Fluff
Whipped Topping
Coffee Tea Milk

All measurements are level; recipes proportioned to serve 4 to 6

Blueberry Tapioca Fluff: Heat the contents 1 (1-lb.) can blueberries and syrup. When boiling, stir in ¼ c. quick-cooking tapioca, ½ tsp. salt, the fat-grated rind, 1 lemon and 1½ tsp. lemon juice. Simmer 10 min., or until the tapioca looks clear. Stir occasionally.

Taste and add a little granulated sugar if necessary.

Whip 1 egg white stiff. Fold in the tapioca; chill.

Serve in sherbet glasses; sauce with slightly sweetened shredded orange pulp.

Trick Of The Chef

Dust liver lightly with thyme before sauteing.

The Rahvis Sisters Have Done It Again



Here is a pink falles evening dress by RAHVIS to attract every eye at the Christmas parties. It has the new "suffle" skirt which is short at the front and long at the back.

So you want to be a success?



YOU want to be a success at those Christmas parties? Here are a few tips:

- Enjoy your fellow guests; however long-winded, and keep a few smiles for elderly relations.
- Say thank-you afterwards. Even if the evening has been a dead loss, leave a pleasant memory behind. The next invitation may be better!
- Drink what's provided and look happy about it.
- Dress up for the occasion to add to the festive scene and for your sake—and for everyone else's—wear comfortable shoes.
- Don't choose a party for testing your drinking capacity. Play safe in public. Experiment if you wish at home!
- Even if you're dieting, taste your hostess's food.
- Don't be more than half an hour late arriving—or departing!

London Express Service.

★ My new party look

I've got a new look for Christmas. The picture shows me wearing a close-fitting nylon wig which turns me from a blonde into a copper-head.

They're becoming so popular for party wear, the only way of testing whether a girl's hair is her own nowadays is to pull it!

Upkeep is simple. It goes along to the hairdresser with you for a separate styling, tinting and shampoo and set.

By Eileen Ascroft.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Brighten soiled glazed chintz upholstery, and slip cover (not velvet-coated chintz) by fabrics may be brightened in spreading it on a flat surface the same way.

and sponging it quickly with lukewarm water. If pressing is necessary, use a lukewarm iron and work on the wrong side of the chintz, or on the right side with a slightly dampened cloth over it.

Many printed cottons and linens, as well as rayon children in the house.

SOMETHING BIGGER THAN GOLD IS THE LURE IN 1958

THEY'RE HITTING THAT YUKON TRAIL AGAIN

Ottawa.

JUST 60 years ago the Yukon echoed with the cry of "Gold" and the rush was on. A handful of men made fortunes. A multitude found nothing but hardship and suffering. Some found death.

After the first frenzied bonanza had spent itself the Yukon became part of the forgotten Deep North.

Today, and the credit is largely Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's, although the Liberals under St. Laurent did make a few tentative pushes, the North is being remembered again and rediscovered.

Just before he left for his world trip Diefenbaker thundered: "Canada's Northland is a large safe deposit box of minerals that represent the little seeds to freedom's survival."

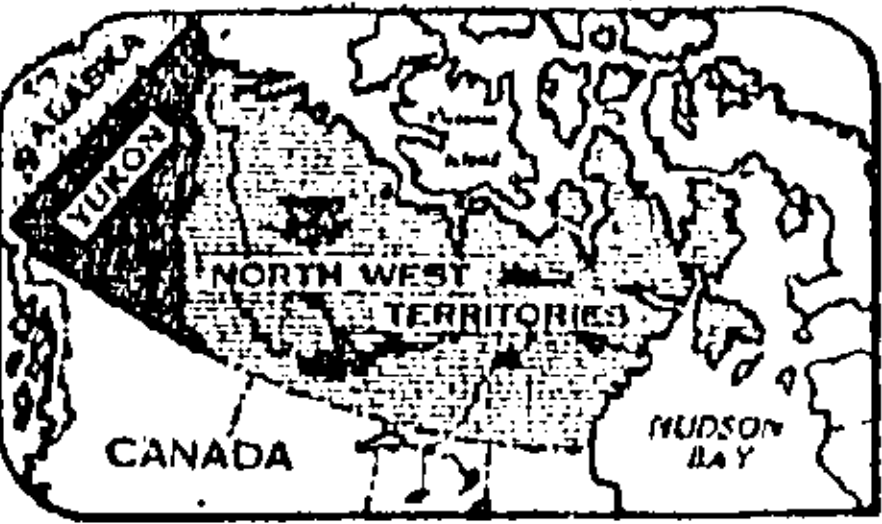
This is fancy language, but it could be true. Gold's not so much on the explorer's and engineers' minds now as other minerals — zinc, lead, copper, platinum, tungsten, coal, cadmium, silver. All these and others have been discovered in the Yukon, perhaps richer in minerals than any other part of Canada.

Spurred by Diefenbaker's vision the Canadians are pressing

ing North and a new province is being hewn out of the ice and snow.

On this visit I have found the Government officials more ebullient and optimistic than the engineers, surveyors, and the officers who run the DEW (Distant Early Warning) radar stations that dot the Arctic.

Minister of Northern Affairs, Alvin Hamilton, is considered by many a visionary, but rates him a man of practical had sense. He is employed with the Government's "Road to the Arctic" programme, and his development has hardly begun



by DON IDDON

Starting

Pacing his office as the snow falls remorselessly outside and the capital is muffled by the continuing storms, Hamilton says: "The North is a land whose development has hardly begun

When the U.S. atomic submarines navigated under the polar ice they shattered the illusion of an impenetrable polar sea, and demonstrated that the Arctic can become the Mediterranean of the northern world.

"The real lesson of the undersea voyages of the Nautilus and Skate is that there now exists at our disposal a new breed of ship differing from its predecessors as much as steam from sail.

"In our lifetime this new breed of ship may revolutionise maritime transport. For Canada this vista is one of access to the great resources of our Arctic coastal lands and off-lying Continental Shelf.

"It may be fanciful, but certainly it is not fantastic to visualize submarine cargo ships on the world's oceans within ten or more conservatively — 20 years.

Pet plan

"We are in touch with British firms who already have submarine tankers and are entering on the engineering drawing boards. The carriers are specifically contemplated for shipping Hudson Bay iron."

As for the road to the Deep North—Diefenbaker's pet project—a network costing almost \$100,000,000 has already been launched.

Hamilton quotes his chief, Diefenbaker: "In the past we have not always been dynamic. In the future we must be."

The fact that Soviet Russia has 4,500,000 people settled in an area similar to Canada's North, which has a population of only 35,000, rankles with the Canadians in the Government offices here. They say: "If the Russians can do it we can."

Actually, Canada has only one town of over 100 population north of the Arctic Circle, while

Russia has ten towns with more than 10,000.

At present, however, it is the aeroplane and the helicopter, particularly the helicopter, which are being used to open up the Yukon and North-West Territory. During the summer the Government, proud of its northern development programme, flew groups of observers to Frohler and Fort Smith, but the present blizzard has made trips at this time impossible.

Prying open the secrets of the Arctic is swallowing huge sums. Last summer an aerial survey of the Arctic Islands cost the Canadian taxpayer \$10,000,000. Sixty-five men flying camera-equipped Mosquito bombers hoped to get in two full months of survey during July and August. Actually they managed to get in only five days.

The Far North is not going to surrender easily. Charles King, explorer and writer, who made an extensive tour of the Canadian North this summer, is very blunt.

"The adventures who are there now have no particular desire to be part of the Diefenbaker land of the vision. The men are there for a variety of reasons. The DEW line people for hard cash and the job of taking part in the country's defence.

"The Eskimos because they were there first and have nowhere else to go. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Government's Northern Affairs Department people are there to do their job and perhaps because they like the emptiness.

"No one who knows is looking to the day when skyscrapers will rise and big cities loom. The most optimistic foresee an indefinite future of fantastically expensive exploration and development."

Expensive

I had not realised how expensive life in the Canadian Arctic can be. Petrol is almost \$1 a gallon, diesel fuel is nearly 30s. Almost everything but the fish in the sea has to be brought at huge expense from 1,000 miles to the south. The cost of living for the white man is put at ten times the comparable figure in the Canadian South.

Somewhere between the vision of Diefenbaker and the enthusiasm of his Ministers, and the scepticism of old Yukon hands lies the truth about the Canadian Deep North and its future.

ROUND-UP

MOTOR CRUISER

LARGEST plastic boat in the world has just been launched at Shoreham, Sussex. It is a motor cruiser with a fibreglass hull, 56 feet long and 15 feet across the beam. The boat displaces 15½ tons and in spite of its size the two 150-hp. engines will propel it at 17 knots. Plastic was chosen for the hull by the designer because it can be moulded into any shape. There is sleeping accommodation for ten people. Two steering positions, an automatic pilot, water-pressure speedometer and ship-to-shore radio are provided. The boat has been ordered for a German engineering firm.

SENTENCE OF DEATH

OVER an Alsatian dog named "Lassie," sentenced to death because it insisted on chasing motor-cycles, Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Conservative M.P. for Portsmouth South, hopes to obtain leave in the Commons to introduce a bill amending the law as it affects court orders for the destruction of dogs. It is thought that the Government would give any such Bill the necessary facilities to become law. The sentenced dog has been given away by her owner to an animal sanctuary. The sanctuary refuses to surrender "Lassie" and the police have no power to enter the premises to collect her. Meanwhile, the original owner of the dog is liable to a penalty of £1 for every day the dog lives. He has already incurred fines of over £100.

HIDDEN TREASURES

LEST their temples be desecrated and their expanding Christian religion, the priests at the London Temple of Mithras hid marbles and other items of value in holes within their temple, Professor William Grimes, who was in

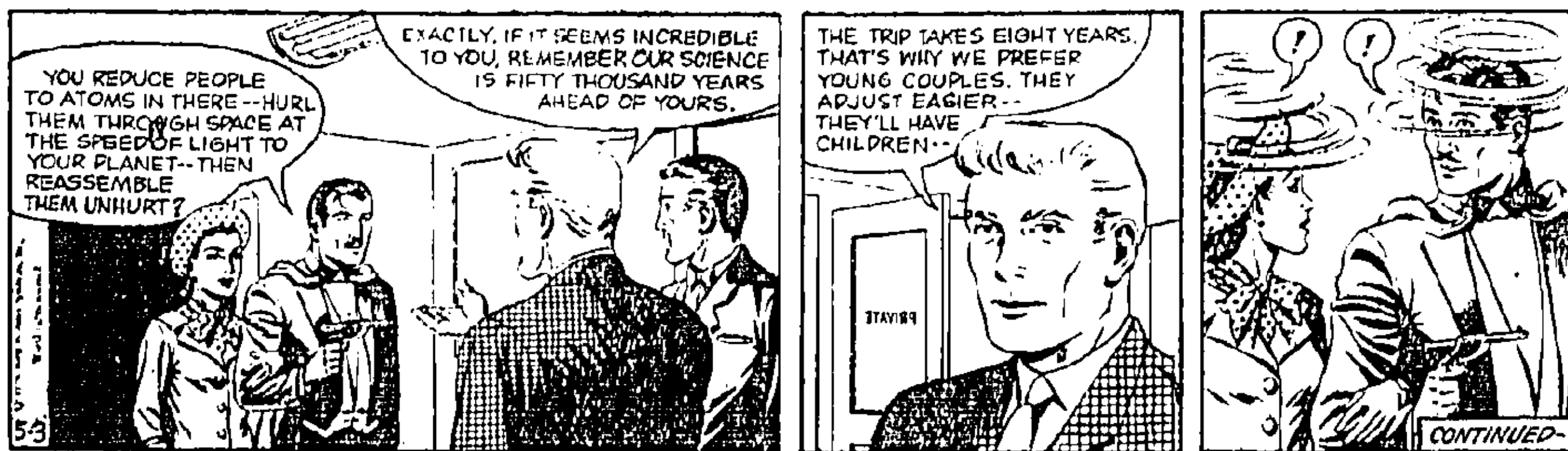
charge of the 1954 Temple excavations, suggested at the "Treasure Trove" inquest on a small embossed silver canister and a strainer found on the site in the City of London. The coroner declared the canister and the strainer as "Treasure Trove" declaring: "I seize them both on behalf of Her Majesty." When it was discovered in October 1954, the canister with the strainer inside was on top of a crumbling wall from which modern foundations had just been dragged by crane. The finds were "in a wonderful condition," said Professor Grimes. — evidence of the care which had been taken in hiding them. The strainer was perfectly preserved. The canister was decorated with figures which included an hippo, elephant, lion and various other kinds of big cats together with a snake and the mythical winged beast, "The Griffin."

STREAMLINING

BRITAIN'S "new streamlined" Navy will continue to have aircraft carriers as its core. "Jane's Fighting Ships 1958-59" just published. It is intended that in 1960-70 there will be 150 ships with nuclear-powered machinery plants, 200 ships armed with guided missiles. All combatant ships will be armed with anti-submarine missiles or equipped with anti-submarine aircraft. By 1967 it is planned there will be a fleet of 75 nuclear-powered submarines. View given in the foreword to the volume says submarines are coming to be regarded as the "capital ships" of the future. Reference is made to notable advances in the technical development and operational capabilities of U.S. submarines. Activity "points to the certainty of intensive sub aqua warfare in any future hostilities. It also indicates the trend of future naval planning and warship design. Naval officers attach tremendous importance to the submarine as an attack weapon, as a defensive weapon, and as an anti-submarine weapon."

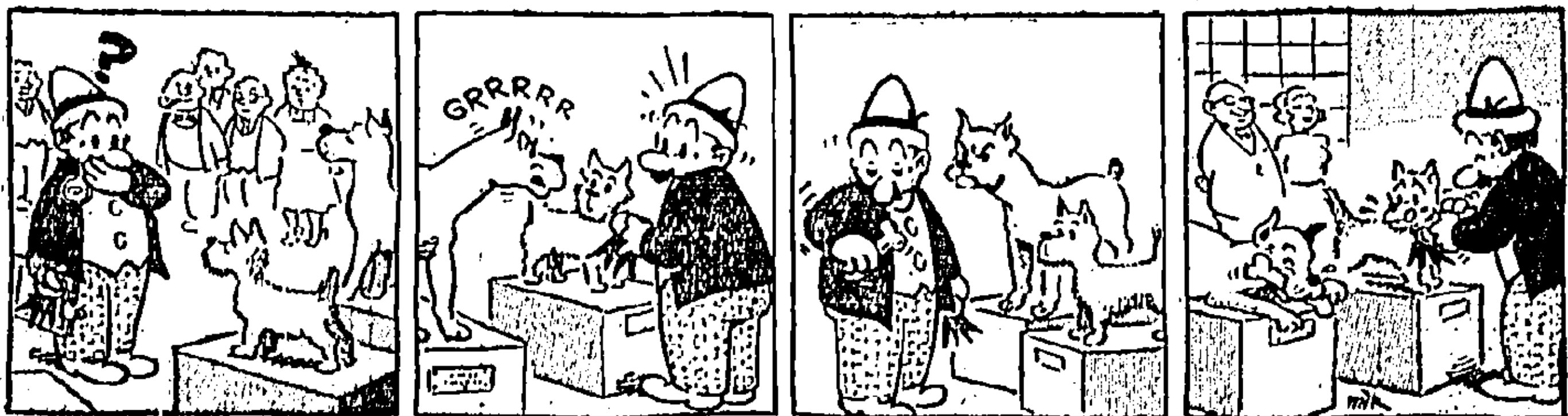
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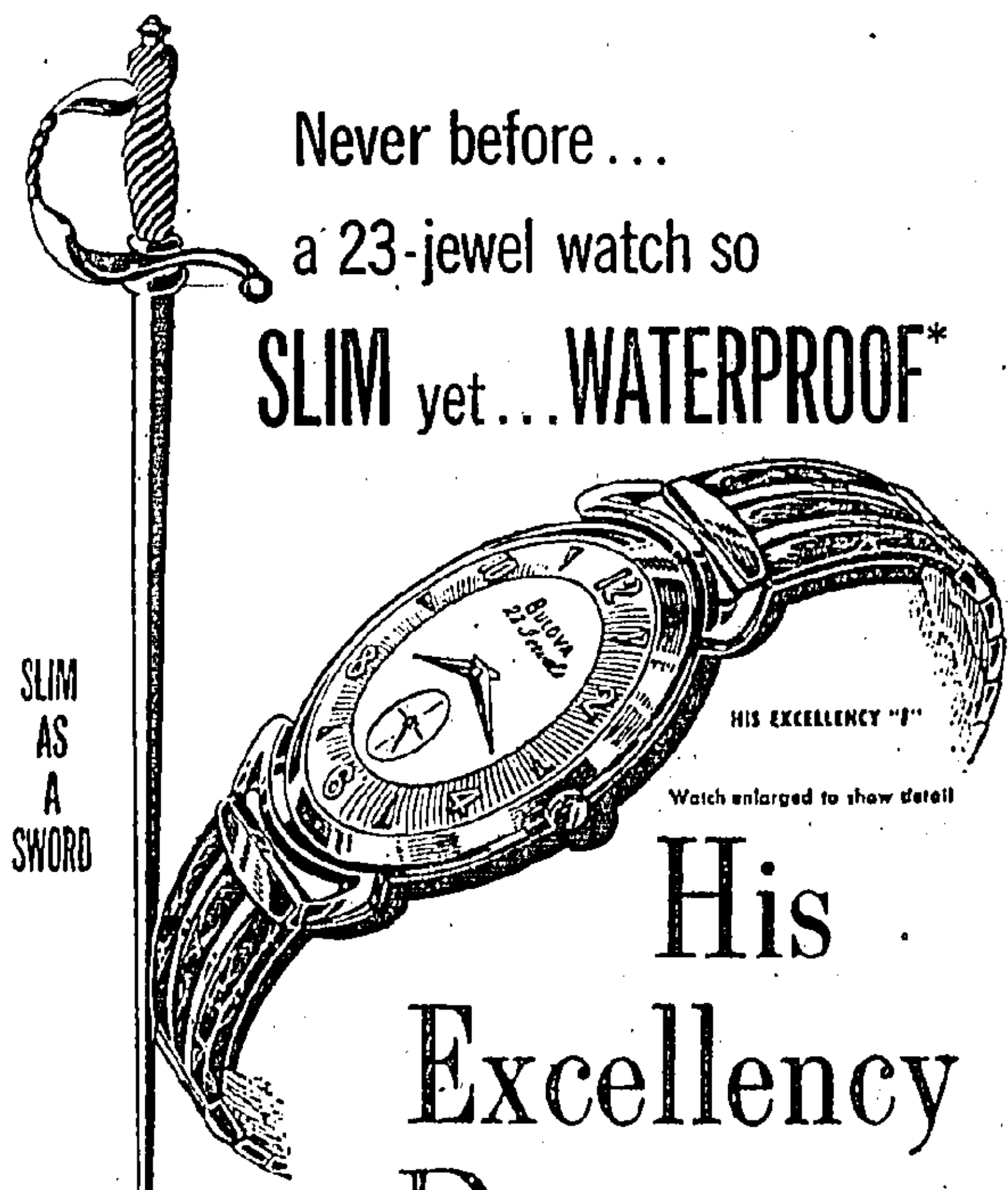
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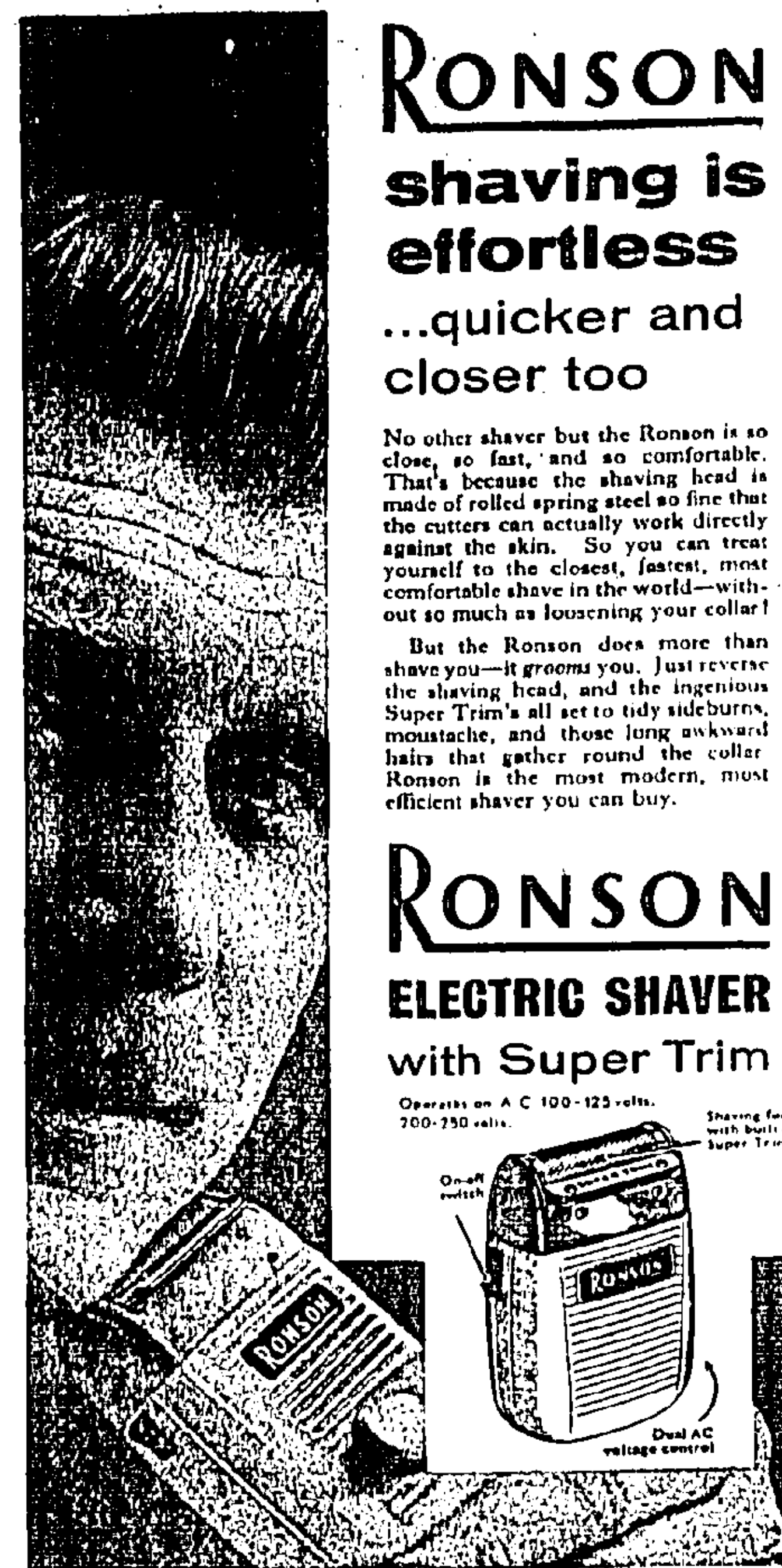
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Disc battle hots up —Val Parnell gets in the business!

THE battle of the recording heavyweights is on. ATV has just obtained what is described cautiously as "a substantial interest" in Pye-Nixa. This means that the three-year-old Pye-Nixa, up to now merely a fast bantamweight with a handy punch, will have the pounce on the really big boys in the game. Men behind the Pye-Nixa build-up are Val Parnell, managing director of ATV, and those talent promoters Lew and Leslie Grade, the Big Three of Show Business.

Who said that the boom in records was finished? This latest development not only confounds the prophets of doom, it promises to revitalise the British recording scene.

Chance for British

Val Parnell will be off to America for talks with two major American recording concerns. He hopes to pull off a deal that will bring some of the biggest star names in the world to the Pye-Nixa label.

"We intend to promote the interests of British artists as well, both for the well-being of the company and also to enable our stars to compete on something like equal terms with their American counterparts," Mr. Parnell told me.

Already Pye-Nixa have made a bid to capture their first castle—a new tune—in a night comedian and singer Roy Castle—to add to their impressive roster of stars. He joins such established winners as Petula Clark, Lonnie Donegan, and Adamant Hookbridge.

The situation is fraught with interest even in these early days. I cannot wait to see the reaction of that titanic trio, E.M.I., Decca, and Philips.

While they are fighting it out with Pye-Nixa to bring us the best of entertainment on record, you, the record buyers, are bound to be on the winning side.

Bill Haley back with a riot

WE said that Bill Haley is dead—but he does not seem to be down. Last week he turned up with his band of rockers in Paris. Result: a minor riot at the Olympia Music Hall.

Teenagers who decided that he had given them short measure ripped out seats and smashed bottles.

So if Haley cannot claim to have broken into the Best Sellers list, at least he can assert: "We were a riot!"

That gun-toting marshal of Tombstone, Arizona, has finally caught up with us. Wyatt Earp has burst into song. H.M.V. have just issued "The Legend of Wyatt Earp" and "Down in The Meadow." Singer-actor Hugh O'Brian. He is better known to most of us as the intrepid marshal.

THE NEW DISCS

**** NAT "KING" COLE: "New Dimenticar" (Capitol). Cole, a top singer, has not had a top hit for too long. And this song, a lazily sophisticated Italian ballad, never quite made the hit parade before. But this disc should beat both hoochie, Cole, with his smooth blend of caroling voice and casual style, can still show his imitators a few things. The song is worth while, too.

**** DANNY OTIS SHOW: "Willie Did the Cha Cha" (Capitol). Best of the current big crop cashing in on Cha Cha with a rock flavour.

John Lambert

ROBERT PITMAN

THE BOOK PAGE poses a question that will disturb every parent now buying the children's Christmas presents.

But can the little darlings READ?

ALL this week in Britain's bookshops a million aunts and uncles will be peering at the children's shelves.

What a neat solution to the Christmas problem those shelves seem to offer.

In December 1958 children's books are better produced than they have ever been before. They glow with brilliance and colour.

Only one drawback exists.

When the books are wrapped in holly paper and the postman brings them to your door, isn't it just possible that you may ask yourself: "Will they ever get read?"

CAN YOUR CHILD REALLY READ? While the gleaming new schools rise in every town, I find that more and more parents of young children are unable to give a confident answer.

CAN YOUR CHILD REALLY READ? The schools available to him may look magnificent. Even the railings may be painted in smart contemporary shades. But what goes on inside? Is he learning the most important thing of all?

THE VIEWS

That question, I believe, is worrying thousands of parents today. It is worrying employers.

And today in the midst of the children's book season I report the views of two experts who say that there is good cause to worry.

They are the British educationists, J. C. Daniels and Hunter Black. Together in Britain and America they have been leading a massive counter-revolution against the so-called "modern" methods of teaching children how to read.

Above all they are fighting the "Look-Say" method.

You have never heard of it? You ought to have done. It is the method used by young children in nine out of ten State schools in Britain today. It is used in most private schools too.

Let me explain how Look-Say works. An infant's teacher who follows the method completely will not talk about the alphabet to her children at all. She will not mention ABC or even "Er, Ber, Cor, Dex." She will start them straight away on whole words—even on whole sentences.

That is why—if your child goes to a "Look-Say" school—you will find his first text book such a puzzle. It will be full of pretty pictures. But it will not start with words like "cat" or "milk." Almost on the first page there will be such impressive sentences as "Janet, look at the aeroplane."

On page after page that word "aeroplane," and a few others,

will be repeated in different sentences again and again. Until the little boys and girls will be able to recognise the word from its shape long before they have any idea of the sounds which "a" and "p" and "t" stand for.

NOT LOGICAL

What is the reasoning behind this method?

The American professors who invented it before the war produced these two knock-down arguments:—

1 English spelling, said the professors, is not logical (as if we didn't know that already). The professors pointed out that even simple words like "book" and "boot" have the same vowels pronounced in an entirely different way.

Therefore—they argued—if you teach children the alphabet, if you explain how the sounds of words are built up with letters, it will only confuse the little dears.

2 Then look at a person who knows how to read, said the

professors. He doesn't really notice the individual letters at all. He glances quickly at the shape of the word, or a whole group of words, and takes in the meaning at once.

Let the children do the same, said the professors. Let them look and then say. It can be as simple as that.

But how has Look-Say helped with children's reading? That is where Mr Daniels and Mr Black come in. They find that—except with some very clever children, and except where teachers have reinforced Look-Say by teaching the sounds of letters—it has not helped at all.

For several years they have done research in Midlands schools.

THEY HAVE FOUND teachers who are satisfied when their small pupils can pick out "Aeroplane" from shorter words like "look" and "Janet." Say Daniels and Black; you might as well get children to learn English by sorting out different lengths of string.

THEY HAVE FOUND a class of ordinary 10-year-olds who were being taught to pick out the word "cavern" from a number of other words.

By the Look-Say method they did it in a flash. But when they were asked to write down "cavern" from memory they produced these variations: curven, crane, cave, carven (six children wrote it like that), croven, corden, camren, vermen, warden, carvern.

DISTURBING

Daniels and Black report some other disturbing things.

THEY HAVE FOUND training colleges where future teachers spend far more time on handicrafts than on learning how to teach reading.

THEY HAVE FOUND schools where children are not taught reading at all before the age of seven on the grounds that they have not reached "reading readiness."

What then can you do about it? Suppose you are worried by your child's reading progress, what action can you take?

First I advise you to get a copy of **STANDARD READING TESTS** (Chatto, 21s.). They are hard going for the person who is doing the testing, but they will tell you whether your child (at any age between six and ten) is below or above average for his years, and they will tell you just where his faults lie.

SO HELPFUL

And if your boy or girl is way below standard? Well, Daniels and Black themselves can help you there. They have produced a series of reading books which you can use at home yourself.

They use the old letters-sound-for-sounds method—but they have improved on it enormously. They are careful to keep out the difficult sounds (such as that awkward "oo") from the early stages. I can testify that the results are excellent.

The name of the series: **THE ROYAL ROAD READERS** (Chatto—Book One, 3s.; 3d.; Books Two to Nine—3s. 2d. each). The vital **TEACHERS' BOOK** which tells you how to use the series costs 4s.

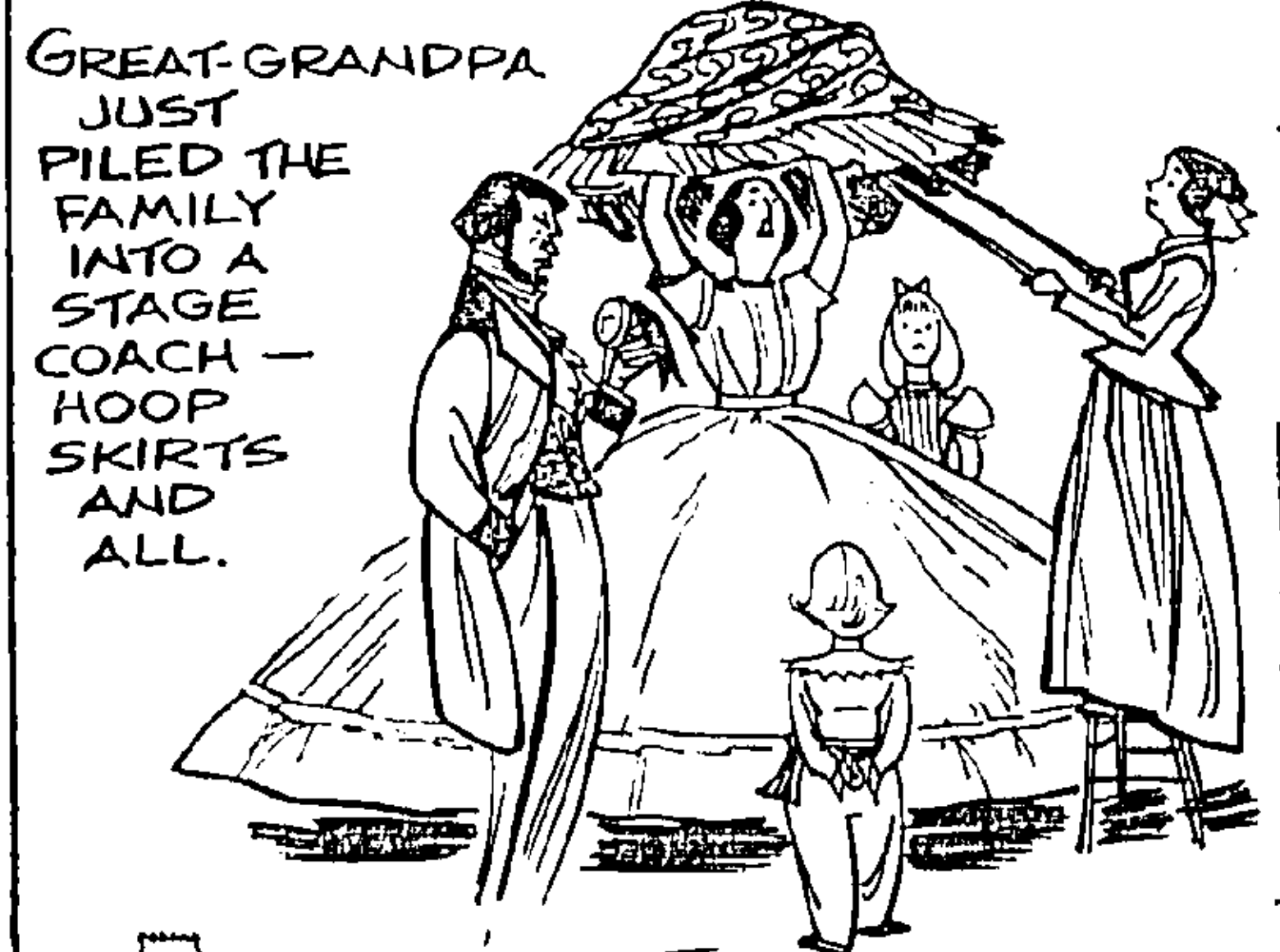
I can imagine few other Christmas presents which could bring such profit in the years to come.



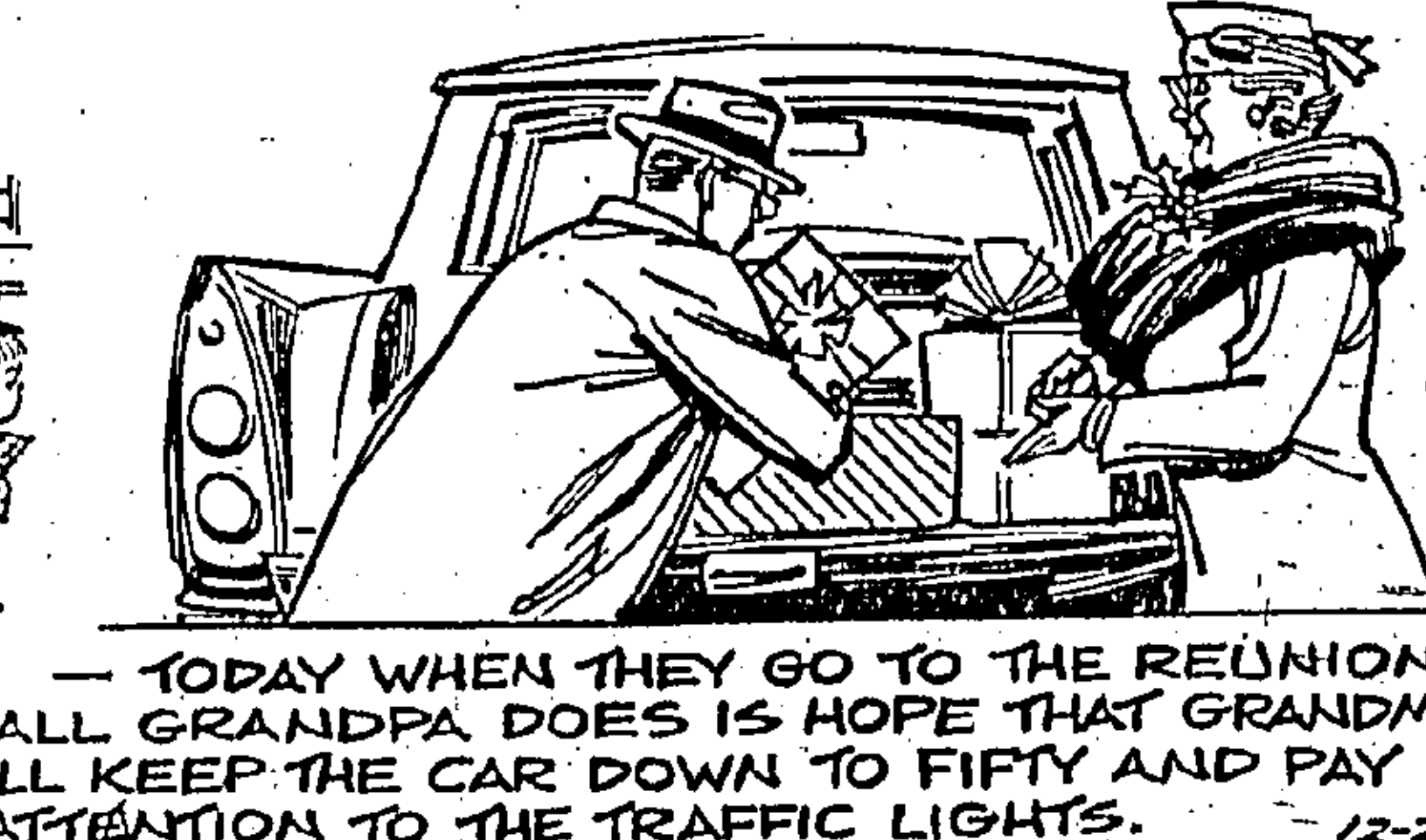
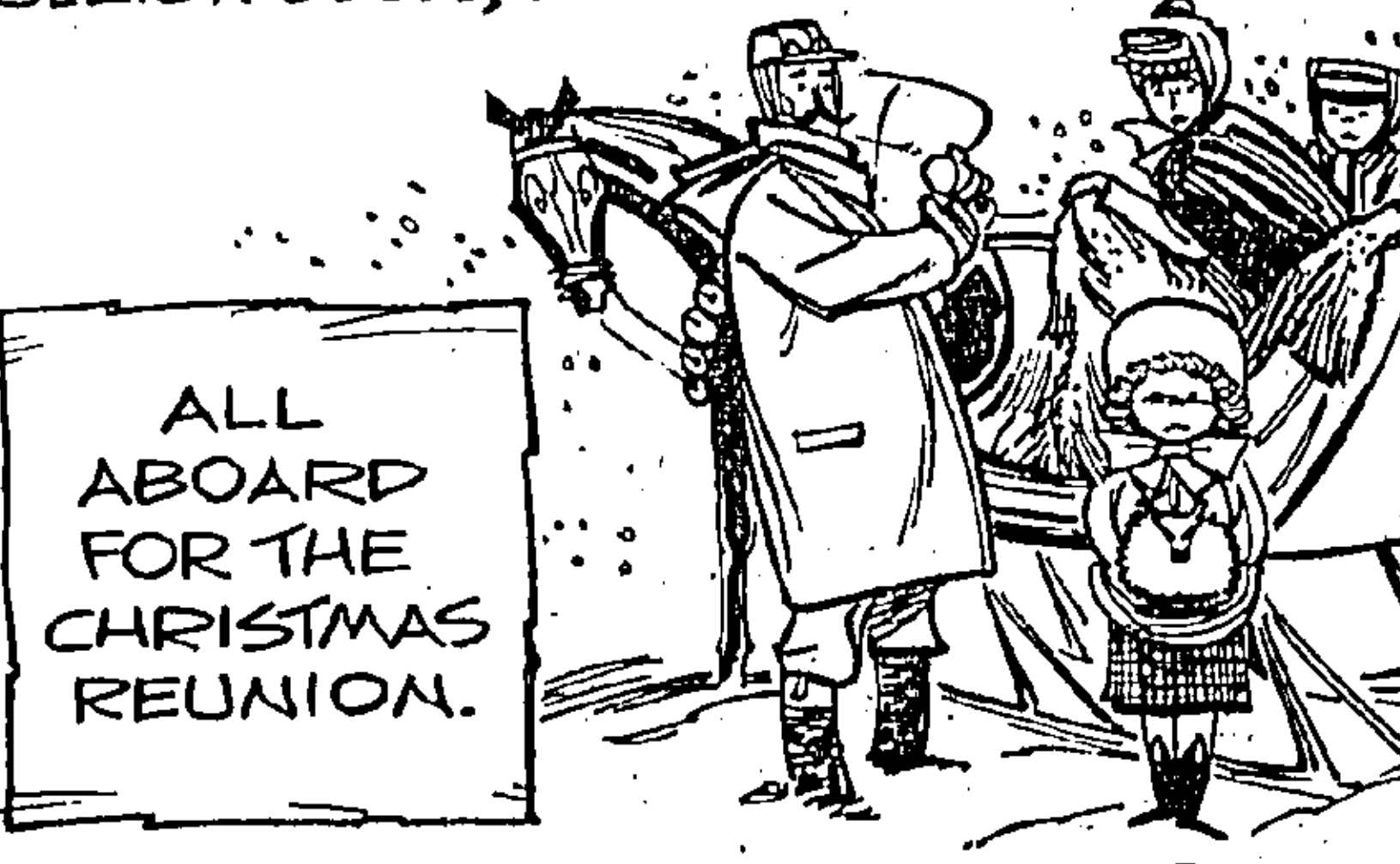
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Christmas Preparations

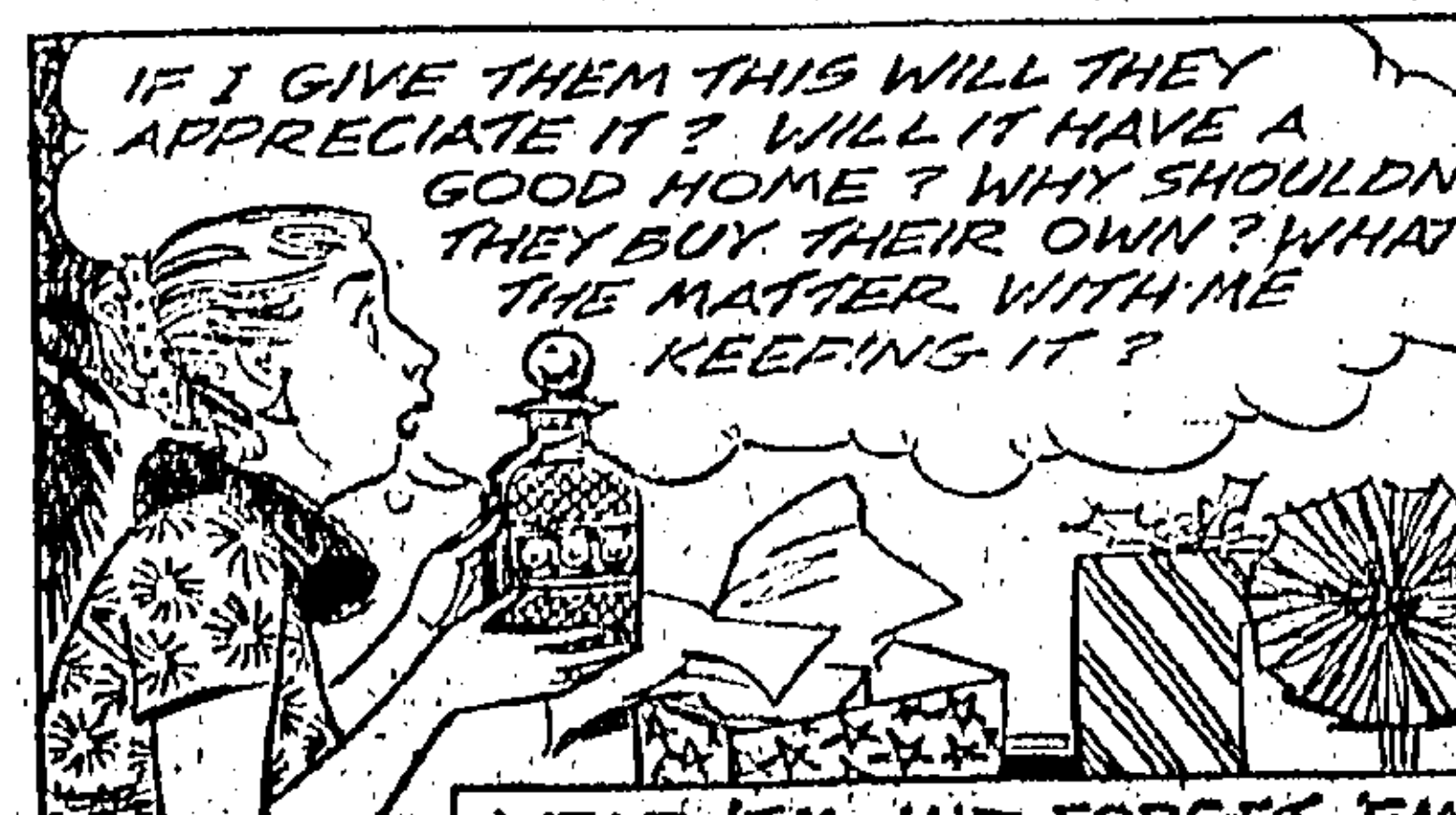
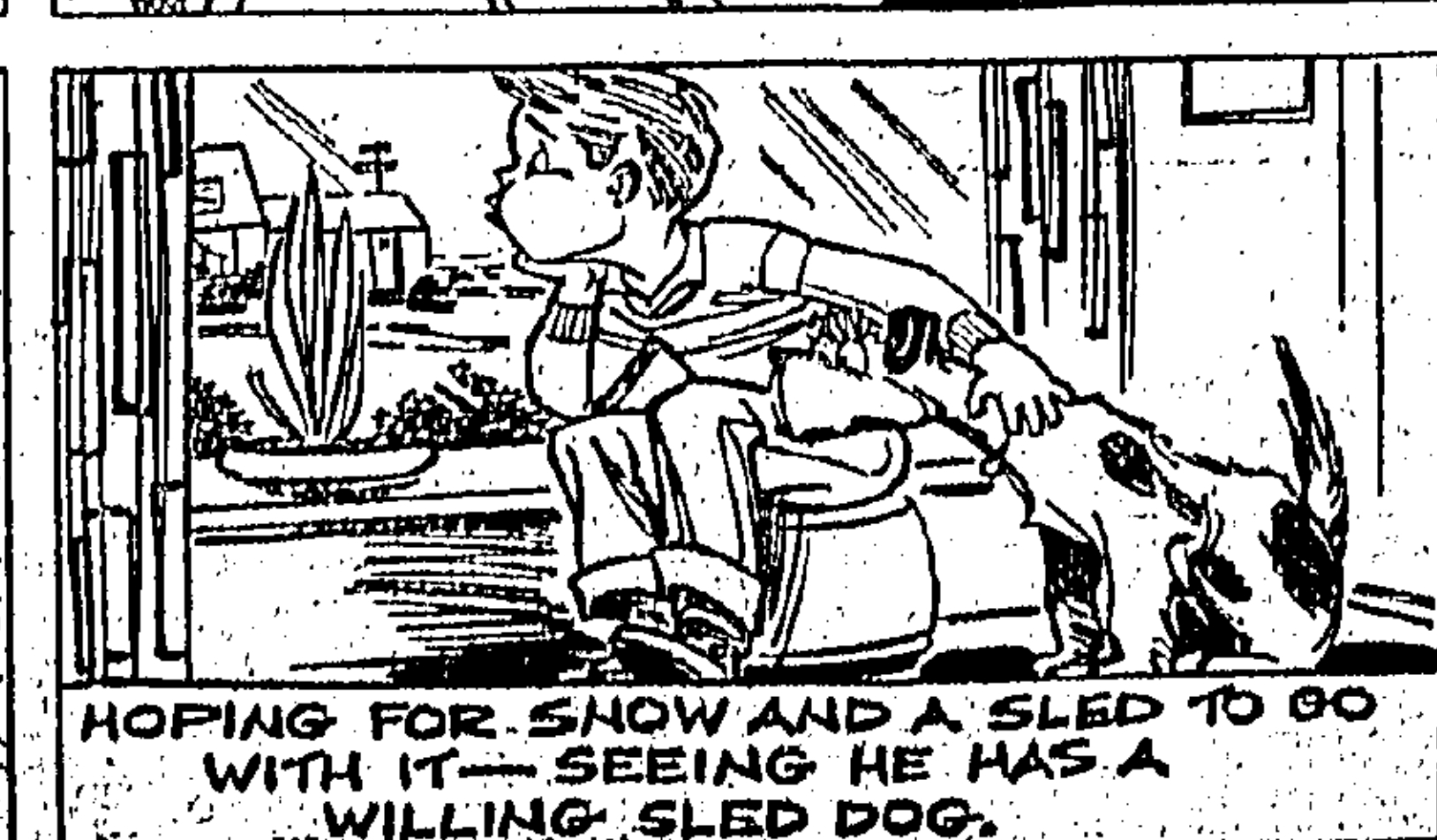
By Harry Weinert



—AND GRANDPA PACKED THEM ALL IN THE FAMILY SLEIGH—COMPLETE WITH SLEIGH BELLS, BUFFALO ROBE AND SNOW.



—TODAY WHEN THEY GO TO THE REUNION, ALL GRANDPA DOES IS HOPE THAT GRANDMA WILL KEEP THE CAR DOWN TO FIFTY AND PAY ATTENTION TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS.



"ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU KEEP AWAY FROM THE PUNCH BOWL AND POLITICS!... SUPPOSE THEIR OPINIONS ARE ALL COCK-EYED—IT ISN'T UP TO YOU TO SET THEM RIGHT!"

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"IF YOU INSIST ON DOING YOUR USUAL SANTA CLAUS ACT YOU WILL NEED A NEW BEARD—THE MOTHS HAVE BEEN WEARING THIS ONE!"

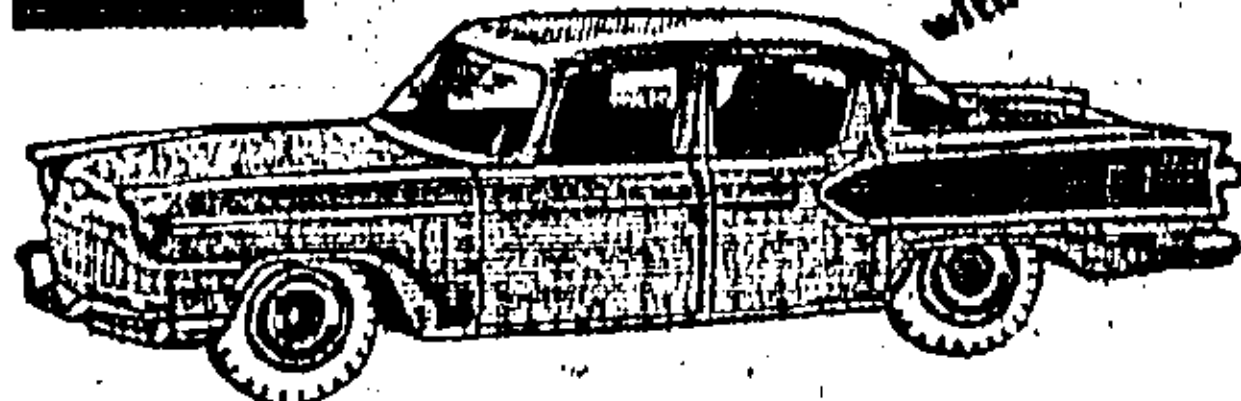
HOPING FOR SNOW AND A SLED TO GO WITH IT—SEEING HE HAS A WILLING SLED DOG.

IF I GIVE THEM THIS WILL THEY APPRECIATE IT? WILL IT HAVE A GOOD HOME? WHY SHOULDN'T THEY BUY THEIR OWN? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME KEEPING IT?

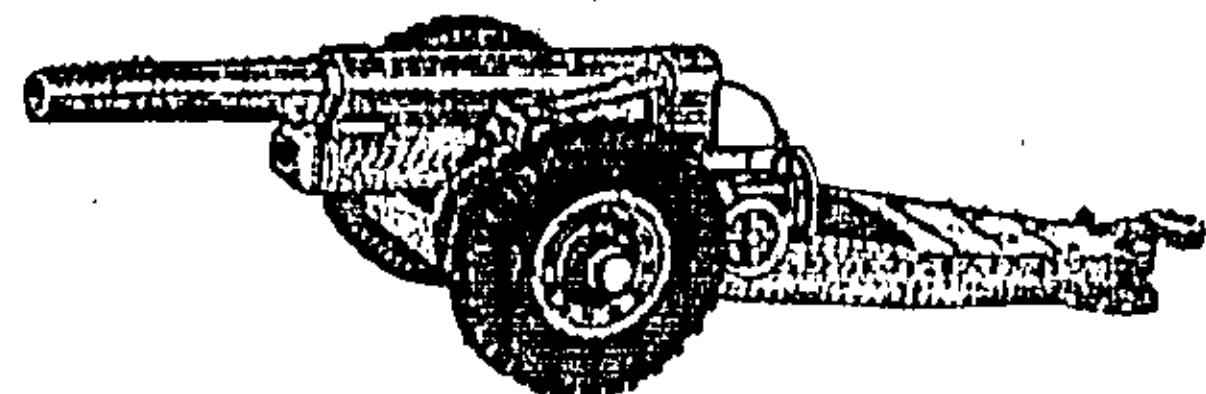
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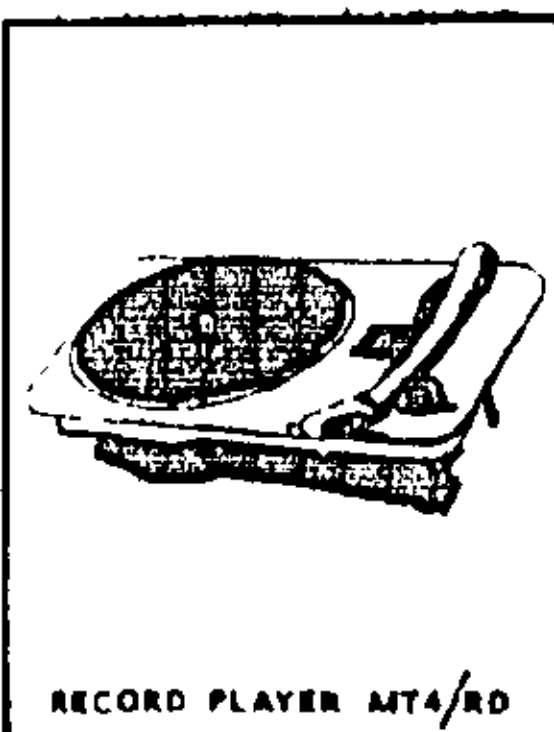
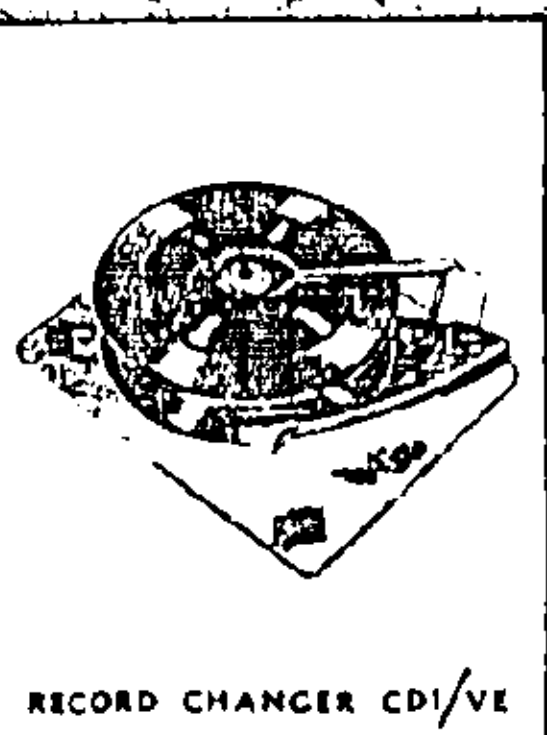


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SAM WHITE'S PAPER NEWSPAPER

Sharp-eyed Mme. Grueber spots the phoneys...

Paris. It is now 10 years since painter Francis Grueber died at the age of 86 and at the peak of his reputation. In the intervening years, diligent copyists have sought to multiply his output at least five-fold.

Tracing these fake Gruebers has become the part-time voluntary occupation of his widow.

Recently she returned from a Sothby sale in London at which a Grueber was put up for sale, only to be withdrawn at the last moment when Mme. Grueber denounced it as a fake.

Mme. Grueber derives no pleasure from this melancholy task, which takes her to art sales all over the world. She attends the sales solely in the hope of acquiring a genuine Grueber to add to her own superb collection.

Mme. Grueber, a woman of considerable wealth, is the daughter of a famous French

playwright, the late Henri Bernstein.

She bears the curious christian name of George as testimony to her father's disappointment at getting a daughter instead of a son.

Mme. Grueber attributes her strong sense of purpose, which she shows in many fields, to the psychological effect of bearing a male christian name.

Grueber had been painting for several years before she married him, and the financial value of his work rocketed like that of so many other painters during the war and Occupation, when paintings seemed the best investment in an insecure world.

Instructive

With his stark, sad nudes, Grueber was the direct precursor of Bernard Buffet and no doubt a similar popularity among copyists await Mme. Grueber's experiences in tracing fake Gruebers is an instructive one.

The artist's painting life covered only 18 years and she has recorded an estimated 280 of his canvases. He never kept a record of his work.

On one occasion he tore up a prize-winning painting just before it was to be collected for exhibition as the winner of the 1947 French National Art Prize.

Fake Gruebers vary from direct copies to vulgarisations of his subjects to make them more salubrious.

Thus a famous nude of his, which became known as "The Venus of Buchenwald," was in one instance transformed into a fully-clothed woman enjoying a game of patience.

The first time Mme. Grueber found a Grueber fake was five years ago during a visit to New York.

A friend invited her to see his collection of her husband's work and among seven genuine Gruebers she saw one she recognised as a fake, an opinion which was later confirmed by the fact that the date on it coincided with a period when Grueber was too ill to paint.

Later a Paris gallery unwittingly achieved the distinction of putting on a Grueber show which included 17 fakes.

Mme. Grueber believes that the industry in fake Gruebers is stimulated by a Paris art dealer who handles many of the fakes.

Eva Barbot, living in the South of France, has taken time off to start writing a novel. Its provisional title is "The

Thread, and it is dedicated to her one-year-old daughter.

Is it autobiographical? "No," she told me. "But it will mention some of the striking events which have marked my life in the past two years."

"Such as?" I asked. "Well, of course, my becoming a mother," she replied.

Golden Boy

THE Man of the Week is 42-year-old Jacques Chaban-Delmas, who has topped the most brilliant career in post-war French politics by becoming the Speaker of the French Parliament.

He defeated France's wartime Premier, Paul Reynaud, for the post, and thereby frustrated de Gaulle's wish to reward the man who launched him on his political career.

Of course, it was the triumphant new de Gaulle party, of which Chaban-Delmas

is one of the leaders, which secured his election.

Chaban-Delmas is the Golden Boy of French politics whose amazing good looks almost give him the status of a film star among women voters.

He is, apart from that, a man with a remarkable scholastic record and a Resistance record which made him a brigadier-general at 28.

An MP at 31, Mayor of Bordeaux at 32, and Cabinet Minister at 35, he seems to be successful in everything he touches. He is also a first-rate tennis and rugby player.

He is vain, ambitious, but likeable.

He was Minister of Defence at the time of the May 13 revolt — a delicate post at the time. But he walked the tightrope with superb aplomb.

The role of the Speaker of the House is an infinitely more important post in France than in Britain.

If anything happened to de Gaulle during his presidency, Chaban-Delmas would be in direct line of succession.



QUOTES

- ★ Actor Robert Lamoureux: "Love? It's the effort one man makes to live with one woman."
- ★ A parliamentary commentator: "You can tell the new MPs in the House by the fact that they apologise when they brush against an usher."

—(London Express Service).

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE unlucky expert staggered toward the window. For a moment I thought he was going to jump, but it turned out that all he needed was some fresh air to give him breath to tell his latest story.

He said, "I know I bid too much, but look at the defence they gave me."

"West opened the five of

trumps and East won with the king. He returned the queen of clubs. I won in dummy and led a diamond to my ace and nonchalantly returned the nine spot. West went into a short trance and eventually produced the king. I ruffed in dummy; discarded my losing spade on the second high club; came back

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WE are promised a "flying bicycle." The pilot will pedal along in the air, using his legs to generate half a horse-power an hour.

The account of this machine whets my appetite for the flying-wheelbarrow, which will be suspended under a fireballoon inflated with hydrogen gas, on the model of the one in which Platrie de Rozier made his ascent over Paris in 1783. The wheelbarrow will contain a brazier in which will be burned to keep the balloon in the air, just as soap bubbles can be made air-borne by keeping them warm. Need I say more?

Prognose: You might have said a good deal less.

Mr Kipping's explanation
MR KIPPING said that, in placing his face in the row of eggs, he had acted instinctively and without forethought. Admiral Sir Horace Tealick said: "I suppose you realise that by choosing the front row you completely blocked three eggs in the second row, which are missing from the photographic record." Miss Froppstead, representing the Graders' Union, asked: "Where on earth was Mr

Kipping's body? Did not the photographer notice a human being standing erect among recumbent eggs?" Mr Kipping and the photographer, Mr Deacy, agreed that Mr Kipping had himself been recumbent. To avoid being out of focus, he had lain full-length on the floor, so that his face was level with the eggs. "A most extraordinary proceeding," commented the admiral.

Financial note
As a prophet, he has been very rapidly proved wrong.

(Morning paper.)
"Small prophets and quick returns" as the whole said on getting rid of Jonah.

Disappointment for millions

THERE are disappointed faces this morning. It has been announced that the short-playing record of a scientist's "hello" to the moon, and the bouncing back of the word "hello" was only an echo. It was not someone in the moon replying to the greeting. "Call this the space age!" whined a disgruntled youth.

In passing
INSTEAD of conveyor-belt motorways with a long line of traffic, one car behind another, as in the bumper-races on the Isle, why not have very, very wide motorways, with the cars in line abreast, advancing with all the discipline and precision of a 100-mile-an-hour ballet, and sweeping all before them?

Printer's frolic
Gently he took her face between his hats.

From a serial.
...Carth Wensleydale congratulated himself on his foresight in wearing two hats for his dinner with Bianca. He had suspected that they would come in handy as buttresses for her rather heavy face....Placing the bowler on the left side of her head, and his trolley on the right side, he held her face, as it were, in a vice. She smiled — the blushing, scintillating, her car... "Maria!" he sobbed.

NORTH			
♠ 753			
♥ 72			
♦ 7			
♣ AK753			
WEST			
♠ QJ42			
♥ A105			
♦ K42			
♣ 98			
EAST			
♠ K10			
♥ K			
♦ Q8553			
♣ QJ102			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ 9			
♥ J98643			
♦ AJ109			
♣ 4			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥5			

to my hand with the ace of spades; led the Jack of diamonds and discarded from dummy. "East won with the queen and led a club. I ruffed, but West was also out of clubs and overruled with the ten to set me."

As usual, the unlucky expert had been the victim of inspired play. Without a trump opening he would have been able to ruff out all his three losing diamonds and wind up losing three trump tricks only. Without the king of diamonds play on the second diamond lead he could have let East take his queen before he would have a chance to give his partner the club overruff.

Nevertheless, the unlucky expert had bid too much and really was lucky to find a dummy that would give him any sort of play for his contract.

♥CARD Sense♥

Q—The bidding has been:
East South West North
1♣ Double 2♣ 2♥
Pass ?

You, South, hold:
♠ KJ97 ♠ AQ84 ♠ K1053 ♠ 4
What do you do?
A—Bid three diamonds. You only have 13 high card points, but your distribution is excellent and your high cards should be well placed. Also, your partner does not have to bid again.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner does bid again and his bid is three spades. What do you do now?

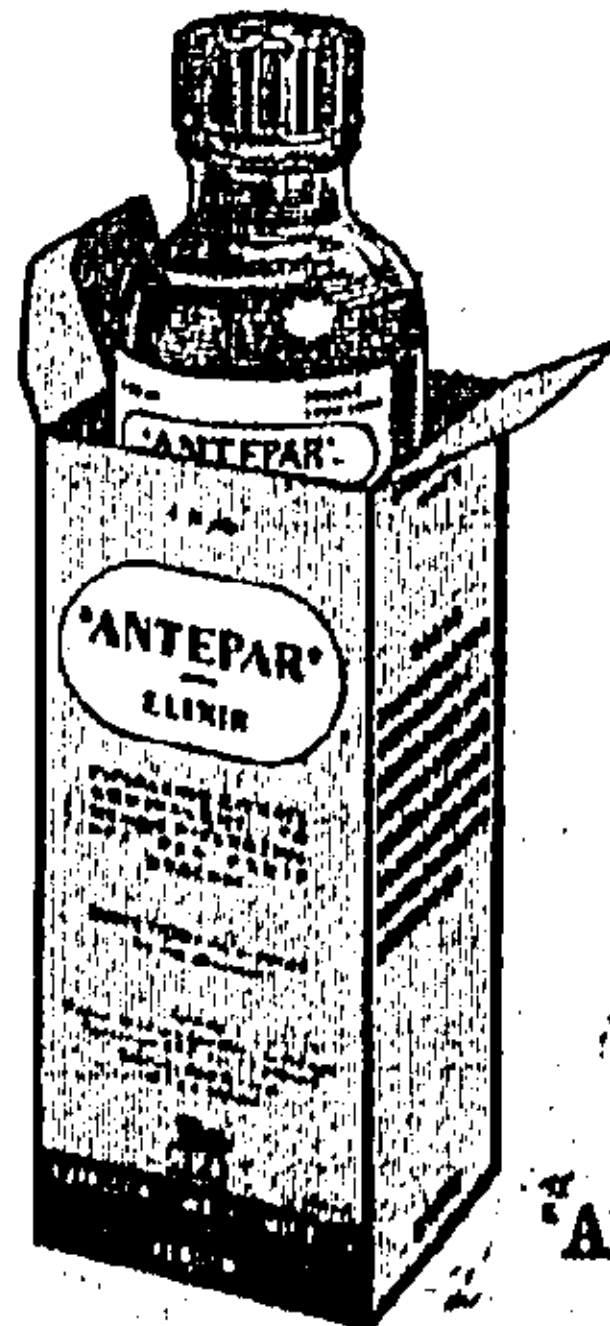
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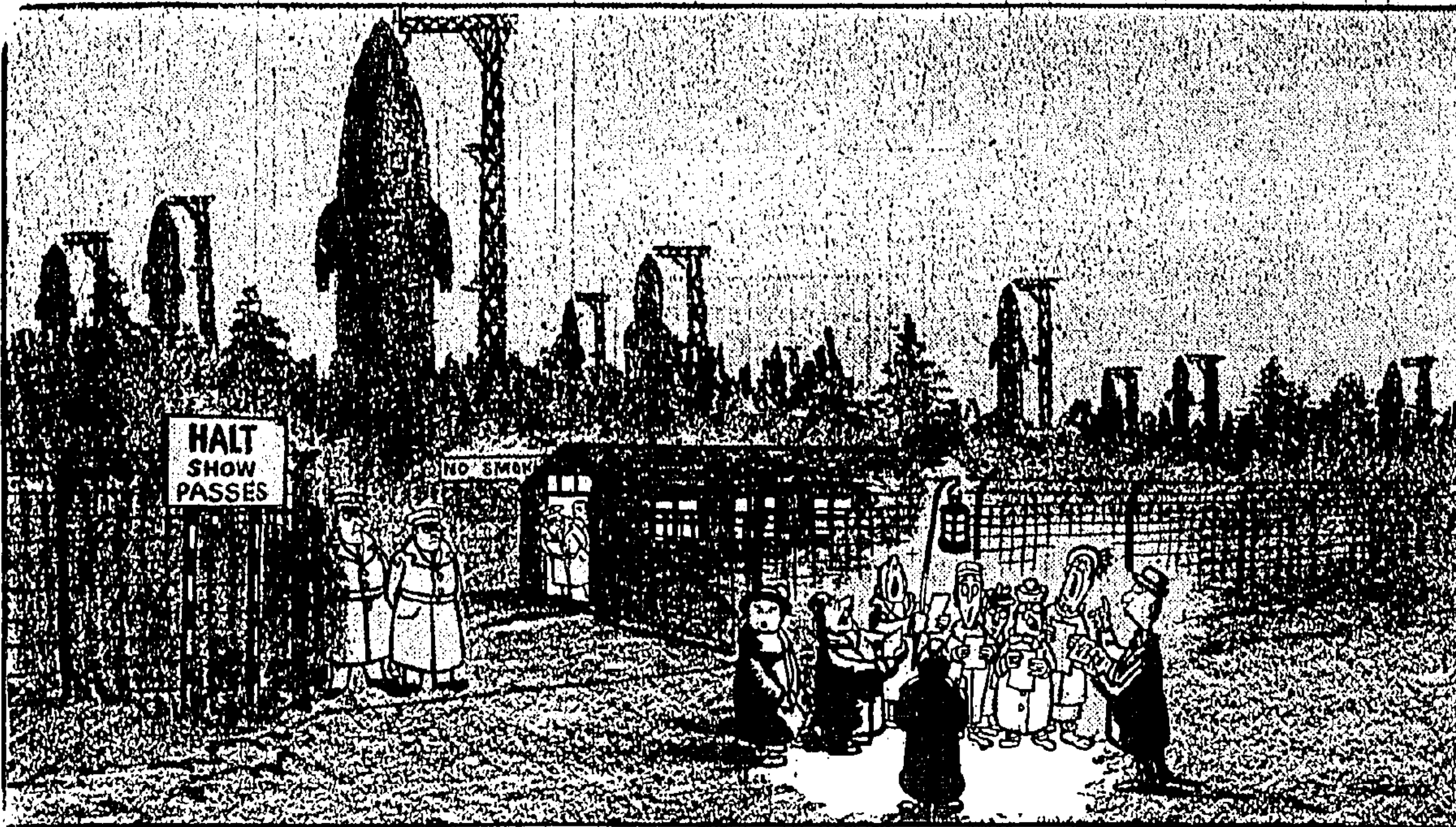
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An armchair, free drinks—and you need only raise a finger... HERE'S HOW TO BUY YOUR WIFE A GIFT IN COMFORT

NEW YORK.

I WAS trying to drum up some sympathy for myself today over the chore every man hates—doing the Christmas shopping—when an American friend said: "Nothing to it! You can have it done for you while you sit back in an armchair and drink a cocktail."

Within seconds I was on my way up Fifth Avenue to the store which lays on this dream service.

At the main entrance was a swarm of women bouncing off one another in the battle to get in or out.

But I went to a side door marked 721 Club For Men Only. A porter in a pillbox hat let me in, took my coat, then guided me across one of those lush up-to-your-ankles carpets to the promised armchair.

One of everything

As the page bowed away a blonde undulated up to me and asked: "What would you like to drink, sir? Martini, Manhattan, Scotch on Rocks?"

I began to wonder if it was the blonde or the drink going to my head as I found myself clutching a brimming, ice-misted glass (which I was told I didn't have to pay for) and heard the blonde asking: "Are you sure you are quite comfortable?"

But she brought me back to earth a second later by asking: "Now what have you in mind for your wife?"

It was then that I looked round the room and realised that its shelves and tables were loaded with whatever my wife might want for Christmas—from a jar of both evils to a chin-chilla stole.

The idea of this store is to put into this room one of everything a man might want to buy for a woman. As he sits there, each article that takes his fancy is brought to him by a hostess.

Pearls too

Once a man decides: "Yes, I like that dress" (or that skirt, housecoat, or underwear) all he has to do is: "My wife is a bit taller than you, but not quite so slim."

The hostess then goes off to get the right size, while Steve, the batman, pours another drink.

Some of the men were running up bills of \$1,000 (£350). One man bought a furry toy rabbit, price 30s., with each free martini he sank.

I saw he had also bought a \$200 string of pearls, hanging round a rabbit's ear.

Not to worry

Some men, of course, are not as quick at choosing as others. Or perhaps they are just slower drinkers. But this is not allowed to cause them a second's worry.

There are telephones around the room where their offices can get hold of them—or a man can ring up his secretary to ask: "What size hat does my wife take?"



He bought a furry toy rabbit with each free martini.

—by
ARTHUR BRITTENDEN

Or call his wife to ask: "Has my secretary already got a gold inlaid powder compact?"

Even if his wife replies: "And what's that got to do with you?" there is nothing much else she can do about it. For this room is barred to women.

The official explanation of this is: To preserve the element of surprise... so that a wife, fiancée or sister cannot see what is being bought for her.

But one of the hostesses told me: "You couldn't guess at the number of men who come here, saying they want to buy a present for their pretty niece. We never know there were so many nieces in America."

The men can either pay in cash for their purchases—or an account (to be sent to their business address) is opened for them on the spot if they look honest.

The hostesses are incredibly patient, but a woman executive at the store told me: "Women are supposed to dither over their shopping. But most of the men who come here haven't the vaguest idea what sort of gift they are after."

"We've known them to sit here for four hours with girls parading up and down in one dress after another. Then they walk out with a 10s. scarf."

"Invariably they imagine the woman they are buying for to be smaller and more petite than she really is. So after Christmas, wives and sweethearts come along to get their gifts changed." I could have stayed in 721 Club for hours myself. But there is so much to see in New York just now as Christmas excitement sets in.

There is a Santa Claus on every street corner. Well, on more than 60 of them.

This can be a bit disconcerting until you know why they are there. They are collecting money to provide Christmas dinners for old people who might not otherwise get one.

Lot to learn

Each of these Santas (paid 28s. a day plus 7s. for lunch by the charity he works for) is splendidly turned out in scarlet robes, with classic tucks that fit Santas large and small, and nylon beard which he is supposed to run through soapuds each night so that it is fresh and white when the sets out each morning.

I talked to one of them as he stood on Broadway, ringing a handbell.

"We have a three-week school before we turn out on this job," he told me. "There is a lot you have to learn before you can be a Santa Claus."

Some of the rules a New York Santa has to remember are:

- 1 Give special attention to your wheelers.
- 2 Avoid eating garlic and onions.
- 3 Never promise children anything. But send them away hopeful and happy.
- 4 Don't engage in any argument or dispute.
- 5 Don't smoke, eat or drink on duty.
- 6 Never leave your chimney unattended.

The last is the strictest rule of all. For the chimneys of the

sidewalk Santas—they are made of wood—are what you drop your money in. And it would be disastrous if Santa went off for a cup of coffee and a doughnut and came back to find his chimney had vanished.

So what does he do? He holds it under his arm and takes it with him.

Lines jammed

I do not know how New York's mothers and fathers explain away 60 Santas to their children. And their task cannot be made any easier by the fact that, at the same time you see a Santa in the street, you can step into a phone booth, dial Yukon 3121, and speak to him "at the North Pole."

This Santa's voice is recorded. So many children ring him up around bedtime that the lines become hopelessly jammed. Nothing could delight the children more, because it means they have to stay up a little longer until the lines are clear.

Some of the presents for children this Christmas—you can hardly call them toys—are enough to make anyone but a millionaire blanch.

There is a 6 ft. 9 in. long scale model of a car, costing more than £200, that runs on a small motor at five miles an hour. This "toy" weighs more than 20st.

The last word

The young miss can have her big moment. If Daddy is wealthy and reckless enough to buy her a "mink-trimmed gown for her doll," it costs more than £1,000. I thought the last word in dolls was the one with "night changes of clothes—among them 'an authentic fur, ballerina costume, street dress, strapless evening gown and TV lounging outfit."

But there is another—"The electronic doll"—with a radio-like gear inside it which is beamed to a remote control panel. This 16in. doll, with no visible means of support, can walk, run and ride a bicycle.

For boys the shelves are filled with space ships and satellites. There is a three-stage rocket (Price £1.) driven somehow by a mixture of "water and air," which has a push-button control that fires it to 300 feet. Then there is a bang as the first stage falls off, and the rest soars on.

I also saw a four-foot long "atomic cannon," which actually shoots polystyrene shells (35s.).

How much?

Among all these things a curdly wool dog looks grotesquely old-fashioned—even if it does have a tag sewn to it reading "Laika," the name of the dog that went up in one of the Russian Sputniks.

How much will the United States spend on its children's toys this Christmas?

The makers are going to be disappointed if it is less than \$350 million. Yes, \$350 million.

If, after that, the grown-ups have anything left to spend on each other, they can send out cards costing up to three guineas each. They bear a Bible message and your name hand-painted.

There is one solemn suggestion in magazines that no husband could do better than give his family a car for Christmas.

Or he can always settle for "A Merry Music Christmas" with a spinet organ at £250.

A husband can also have a telephone (choice of seven colours) fitted for his wife in the kitchen. She can reciprocate by having one put at the bedside for him (nine colours)—with electrically lit dial or a fitted stopwatch, "perfect for timing long-distance calls... making impromptu appointments."

Also FOR HIM—a set of three solid sterling silver golf tees (£4).

FOR HER—a "beguiling jewelled dog pin" (£130).

I wonder...

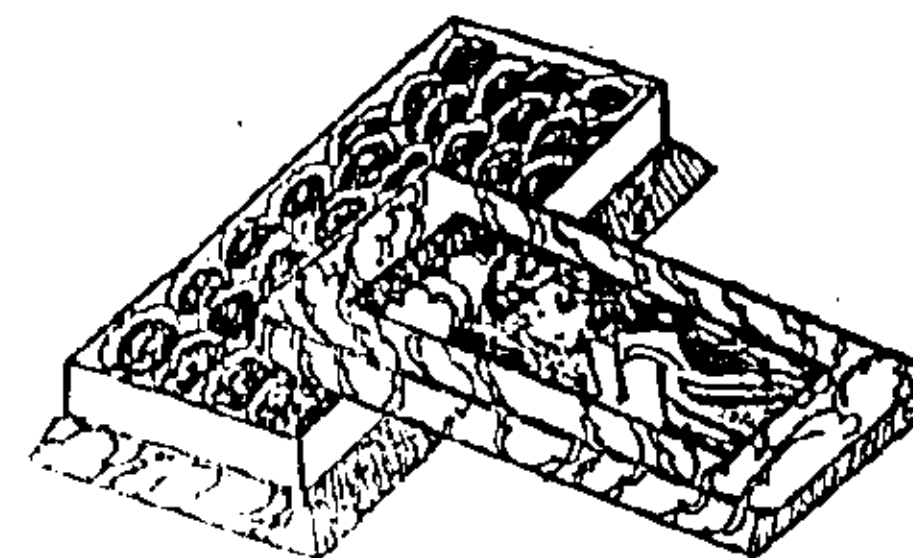
There is, too, a great craze for "personalised" gifts—meaning that you have inscribed on them the initials of persons to whom you are giving them. There are personalised car muffs, tooth picks, door mats and candles. The list is endless.

Not for a moment do I believe we are going to have anything but a joyful, rollicking Christmas here in New York. But I can't help noticing the advert which keeps cropping up, in some of the newspapers.

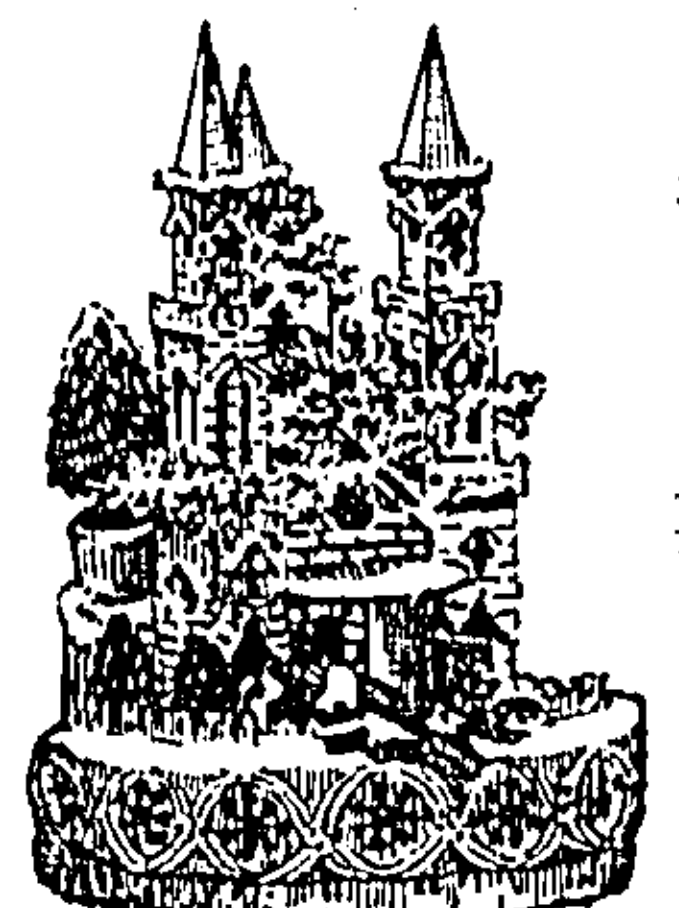
It is put there by a bank and it reads: Join our 1959 Christmas club now. Then you'll have \$25 to \$50 for Christmas 1959. I hope they are right. For the way we are heading towards Christmas 1958 makes me wonder if any of us will have anything in the bank ever again.



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TODAY'S HEXANGULAR RUGBY

Club Face A Big Test Against RAF But Both Army Teams Should Win

By PAK LO

The Club face their big test in the Hexangular Tournament this afternoon when they clash with the Senior Service on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m., for a win here will take them to second place in the Table. Both the Army XV's are in action this afternoon, and both are expected to take the two points from their opponents. At Kai Tak at 3.00 p.m. Army South face bottom-of-the-table Police, while at 4.15 p.m. on the same ground, Army North will have to go all out to beat the airmen who are at home today.

The other game on the Club ground is between Club "B" and the Whitfield Wanderers. The Wanderers have always been impressive on the Club ground, and are likely to win again today.

One other minor match is scheduled between RAF "B" and the 1st Lancs at 3.00 p.m. on the Army ground in Boundary Street.

The Club are putting out the strongest XV available this afternoon, but are missing Cheong in the centre of the three, with Addis coming in his place. Otherwise the Club back division is unchanged. In the Pack, Newbigging now fit again returns to the second row.

Definitely Good

The Navy are of course still without Rodd, but even without him they have a very strong XV this afternoon. With Isaacs as hooker they should win the majority of the scrums, and while they may have to share the lineouts, their backs

should get a plentiful supply of the ball. The halves and backs are definitely good with Kaye at full-back. Kaye will be remembered as the Kanieri star full-back, and he also played for the Colony in that position, but they will be up against the hard tackling Club backs today and will be lucky to penetrate to any great extent.

The Answer?

In the minor game at Club, Club "B" are stronger today in the backs, and have brought Wiggott up to fly outside Tancock. This might well be the answer to Club "A's" problems but against the fast breaking Wanderers pack they are going to have little chance to settle down, and the Wanderers with their good, if not outstanding, three should win again.

In the game at Boundary Street, the 1st Lancs, who of course have lost some men to the senior Army side, face a fairly strong RAF pack, but the RAF three have not been spectacular to date and the Lancs with the more steady back division should win this one by a narrow margin.

The Teams

Following are the teams for today's games: Club: Lochrie, Browne, McTavish, Addis, Inglis, Valentine, Bennett, Whiteley, Shaffer, Williams, Howe, Newbigging, Penman, Steven, Campbell. Club "B": Martin, Hutt, Heenan, Laville, Cooke, Wiggott, Tancock, Turner, King, Kilvert, Walker, Collinson, Senk, Ut, D'Eath.

Police: Dunn, Fisher, Johnson, Scott, Beilingham, Riach, O'Hare, Purves, Cunningham, Shelley, Newton, Counsell, Roberts, Ross, Bryan. Army South: Woodward, Birdsell, Sharp, Gould, Brown, Warrington, Clarke, Chappel, Uttley, Lemage, Mander, Gibby, Carney, Clarke, Lees.

Army North: Leppard, Bede-Cox, Bopes, Lowell, Phillips, Graham, McIntosh, Morrison, Wynn, Mantz, Hill, Hodge, Whitmore.

RAF: Wilcox, Burwood, Martin, Radcliffe, Poyner, Lowe, Sample, Steer, Hill, Wright, Moss, Abern Brackenbury, Roberts, Conway, Touch-Judge, Coombes.

RAF "B": Fitchett, Sweating, Hughes, Kelly, McShane, Blake, Howitt, Richardson, Jones, Kings, Forse, Campbell, Bird, Segar, Haigh. Touch judge—Francis.

Navy: Kaye, Watson, Delaney, Puttock, Devan, Melhuish, Heenga, Ross Isaacs, Strachen, Russell, Hunt, Douglas, Hollick, Price.

Whitfield Wanderers: Crawford, Watson, A. N. O'Hare, Sanders, Young, Woolender, Elliott, Wiseman, Richards, Grimsell, Tanbridge, Cleary, Helling, Priot, Lodge.

Referees

Club "B" v Whitfield Wanderers—Harley.
Club v Navy—Richardson.
Police v Army South—Do.
RAF v Army North—Qualtrough.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which world title fight attracted the largest paid attendance in boxing history?
2. Where will the 1932 European Games be held?
3. Who is the new Australian cricket captain?
4. Under what name did Hocco Francis Marchegiano become world famous?
5. How many Wimbledon men's singles champions have turned professional since the war?
6. What is "The Sport of Kings"?
7. Who has made £A500 between a lunch and tea break?
8. In which sports can you compete for (a) the Harry Vason Trophy, (b) the Jules Rimet Cup, (c) the Swaythling Cup?
9. What are the surnames of these famous tennis players—(a) Dainton, (b) Dainton, (c) Frank?
10. Gene Tunney lost only one contest during a career lasting eleven years. Who beat him?

(Answers on Page 22)

Norm O'Neill Shows The Way

EXPOSES THE FOLLY OF TORTOISE TECHNIQUE IN 1ST TEST

From Alex Bannister

Sadly mistaken tactics and miserable batting failures cost England the first Test by the large margin of eight wickets.

Australia won deservedly.

The budding genius of Norman O'Neill provided in his maiden Test, the first since his arrival, and the first magic sight of genuine class in a long time.

The pupil gave the experienced English professors a salutary but elementary lesson—that the bat is an offensive weapon, whether used on the village green or on the Test arena.

Loader Lapse

In 113 minutes at the wicket, he not merely proved his potential greatness, but shattered the foolish myth that it is impossible to run strokes on a pitch of this pace.

From O'Neill's bat there flowed perfectly executed cuts and drives which made the pulse quicken.

With Jimmy Burke, who stayed for the duration of the match-winning innings, O'Neill shared in a partnership of 89, highest of the match.

His only mistake was when G. He scooped up a ball from Lock, but Loader, apparently blinded by the sun, allowed it to drop harmlessly at his feet.



O'NEILL GOING IN TO BAT

So Lock was denied a second wicket which he richly deserved.

Frankly, O'Neill made England's tortoise batting technique look absurd. If Peter May is the captain I think he is, he will say to himself, to Graveney, Cowdrey and, possibly, Dexter: "Go and do likewise."

Lost Prestige

I am convinced that, if England follow their natural methods, they can take heavy toll of an Australian attack which is full of holes.

These futile, ridiculous waiting and wearing-down tactics not only invited disaster, but

lost England much prestige and good will in Australia. Only a positive approach from now on can restore that lost confidence.

The truth is that in two matches in Queensland, English cricket sank to levels which were not pleasant to see. Only the truly great bowling performance on Saturday was worthy of a team boasting the title of world champions.

The bowlers having rescued the side saw the batsmen re-enter the ocean and drown. A second rescue act was never possible on a wicket which remained so good to the end that one wondered how on earth such paltry scores were made.

PRAY FURNISH ME WITH THE RULES OF GOLF ON ONE SHEET OF PAPER

Says HENRY LONGHURST

"Pray furnish me," I should like to say in fine Churchillian style to the members of the Rules of Golf Committees of the R. and A. and the U.S. Golf Association who are due to meet in the spring—"Pray furnish me with the Rules of Golf on one sheet of foolscap paper." What a stimulating mental exercise it would be! What a fog of pernickety points and general verbiage would be swept away!

The present voluminous book of rules, and the even vaster volume of case-law behind it in the form of Decisions, has grown up, I fancy, partly through a desire to conform with our American friends in a world-wide code, but mainly on account of the enormous stakes involved in modern golf, in money to professionals, and prestige to amateurs and near-amateurs.

As to conforming with the Americans—which, like almost everyone, I strongly supported at the time—the more I play on both sides of the Atlantic, the less I think it really matters to either of us.

Nobody Minds

After all, we play with a different ball—which you would think to be the first item of conformity—and nobody either minds or, that matter, knows the rule. (It is briefly, that we can play with their's here; they can't play with our's there; but when we play matches against each other either can play with either anywhere.)

The main proof that all is not well with the present rules is that, broadly speaking, nobody knows them.

If professionals, who live by golf, have only a remote idea of them, who can expect the rest of us—who play strictly for amusement—though strictly, too, to a kind of honourable, if incorrect, code of our own—to master them.

Penalised

Only the other day in Mexico Gary Player, who plays for large sums of money all over the world, got himself penalised two strokes through ignorance of a rule which I will wager not one club golfer in a hundred could accurately quote.

In doubt whether his first ball was on ground under repair, he holed out with this and with a provisional ball, intending to seek a ruling at the end, but failed to declare to the marker which ball he would elect to count provided the rules

warranted. Ever heard of that one? Rule 11 (6) you are interested—and I don't blame you if you are not.

Of course, if people are going to play golf for £10,000, they will have to retain the present rules for the purpose, but that is no reason why the other 99 per cent of us should not have ours on a sheet of foolscap.

One fertile field of elimination could concern occurrences on the green.

Not Concerned

So far as I am concerned, my opponent can do absolutely anything he likes on the green—bar, naturally, move his ball without the hole. He can pick up his ball and clean it; he can tread down pitch marks; he can putt with the flagstick in or out or with someone holding it; and, for all I care, he can produce a small roller and roll a path between his ball and the hole. And, when he has done all that, he has still got to stand over the wretched thing and hit it into the hole.

At the moment, believe it or not, you may not "test the surface" of the green or roughen or scrape the surface. In heaven's name why not? Penalty, loss of hole.

One Addition

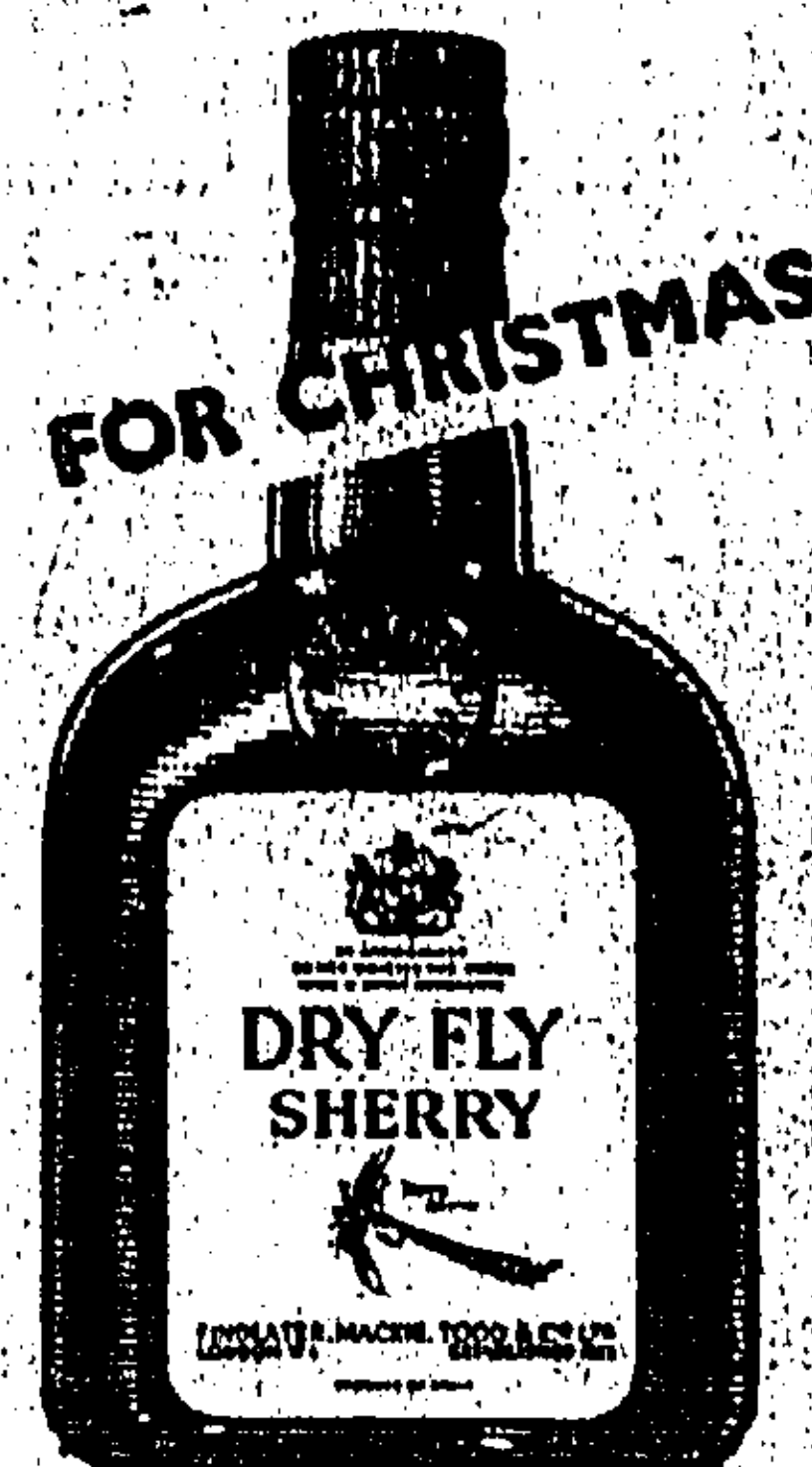
I wonder how many holes could be claimed and legitimately won on that ground alone this weekend? Few of thousands I dare say. And pretty scenes there would be in the clubhouse afterwards!

Nevertheless, there is one addition for which at all costs I should make room on my sheet of foolscap.

It has become, of necessity, common practice in stroke-play competitions to send the players out in threes, and in the Canada Cup in fours—which to my mind is, as a spectacle, the absolute bottom. This involves incessant marking, and even re-marking of balls and leads to that curse of modern golf, the five-hour round.

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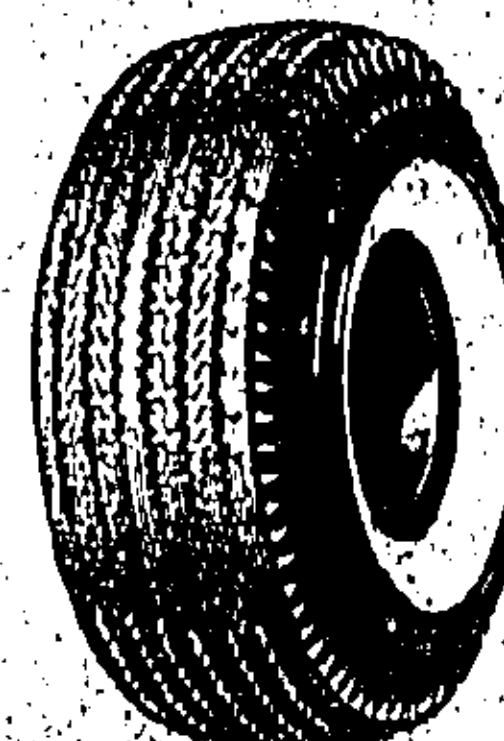


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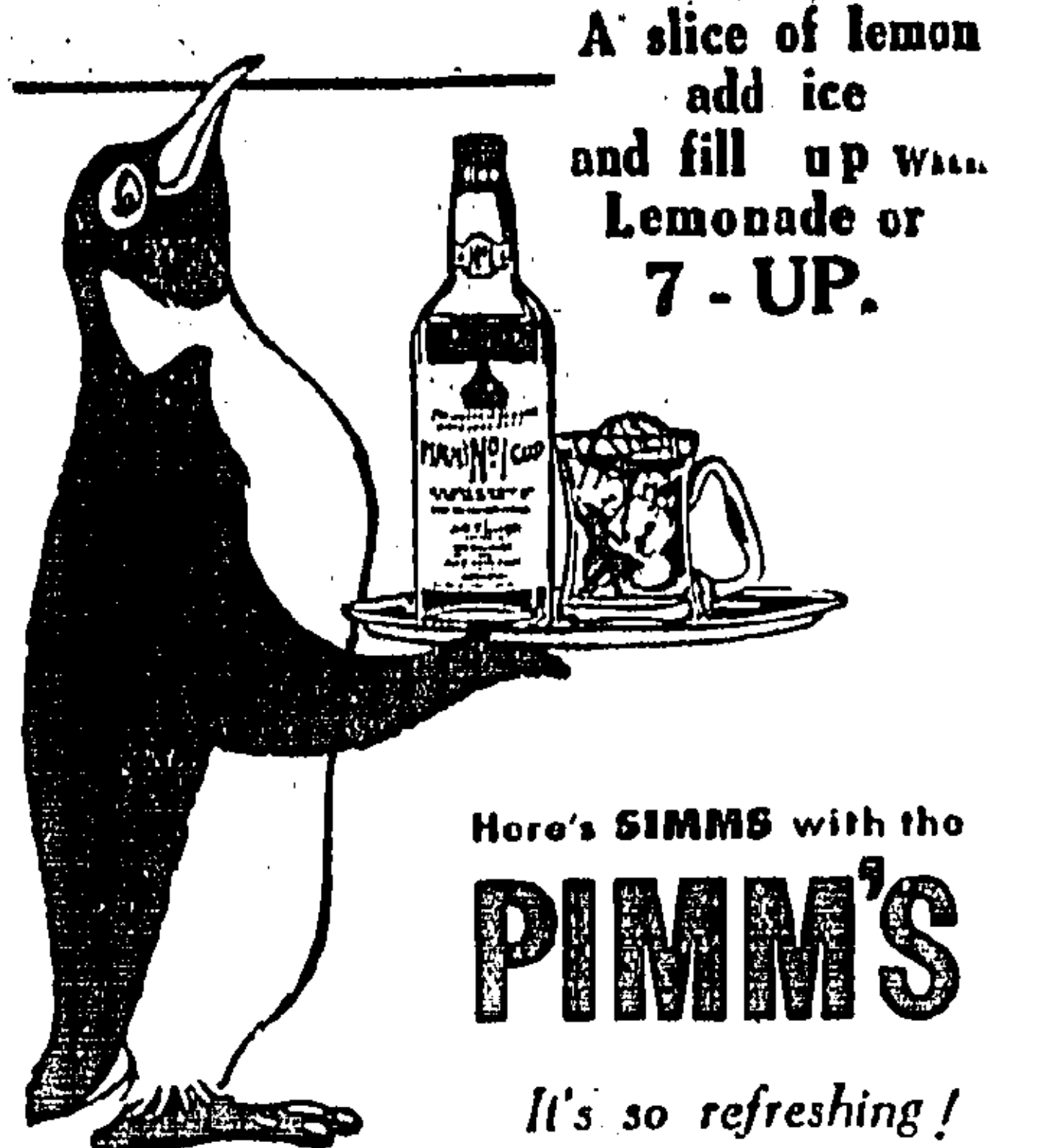
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The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons must wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.
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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.
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By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

HONG KONG, 6th December, 1958.

Cricket League Enters 2nd Round

THE CONTROVERSIAL TEST MATCH CATCH

'Caught' Off The Ground

Australia won the first Test match comfortably by eight wickets, but the controversy still rages whether Colin Cowdrey, batting in England's second innings was caught out by Kline. It is now learnt that an Australian television film proves that Cowdrey was wrongly given out. It shows that Kline caught the ball after it had hit the ground.

Cowdrey was given out at a critical moment of the match, and the decision might well have cost England the Test.

HALF VOLLEY

English players were sure the ball hit the ground almost a yard in front of the wicket-keeper. The experienced eyes that it was taken on the half volley.

Their suspicions grew when Kline did not throw up the ball in triumph, as is the usual custom.

Richie Benaud, Australia's captain, went over to Kline and accepted his version of the incident.

No one in the English camp blames either umpire, but it was a sad mistake at a vital time.



These are sequences of the catch as TV sees it. Cowdrey has played a ball to leg. Wicketkeeper Grant appeals as the ball goes into Kline's hands. Cowdrey is given out, but a film strip proves—too late—that it wasn't a catch.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

South China Tangle With Seminoles And Saints Take On The Pandas

By 'TIME OUT'

With the first round fixtures completed, the favourites of the respective leagues are expected to come through in the week-end encounters but as this has been a season full of surprises, upsets by the 'underdogs' must not be ruled out.

In the Senior league the pennant-conscious South China tangle with the youthful Seminoles in the morning and the league-leading Saints take on the unpredictable Pandas after lunch.

In the minor league the Dodgers and Cheyennes meet the Stardusts and Austers whilst in the ladies division the University squad and Matadors are pitted against the Toreros and Overseas.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday Fred Diesta's Dodgers, after their startling defeat at the hands of the Comets a fortnight ago, will be all out to redeem themselves when they cross bats with Lionel Dayaram's team of schoolboys, the Stardusts. The Dodgers took the first game with more than enough runs to spare but the Stardusts have come a long way since and the Filipinos must not underestimate them.

Sloppy Ball

Immediately after this game the undefeated Cheyennes meet the Austers and although the Indians are playing sloppy ball of late, I predict a runaway victory for them as the Austers lack the stuff to hold them back. A pat on the back must be given to Dave Cooper who is always there on the ground pitching his arm out for the Airmen.

The fair lassies lift the curtain on Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 6th Race Meeting 1958/59 to be held on Thursday 1st and Saturday 3rd January, 1959 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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By Order of the Stewards,
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when the Undergrads from Pokfulam keep an appointment with the inexperienced Toreros. The Undergrads are not enjoying a good season for they lack a suitable pitcher. Despite this drawback they should be able to bring home the bacon without too much trouble from the opposition.

Still Winless

The Toreros, still winless, are as keen as ever but still lack class. Manager-cum-coach A. Iemall will have to pull his socks up and see that his girls get some rest tough turnouts if he expects them to break into the win column.

The Seniors will be seen in action at 11.00 a.m. when the Carolinians and the Seminoles lock horns for the second time. The Tribe were thrashed by the ever convincing score of 18-1 in the first encounter. They have since overcome the 'big league' jitters and although they are not expected to emerge victorious the margin of runs at the end of the seventh should not be more than four or five runs.

Two Defeats

The lads from Caroline Hill have two defeats at hand and cannot afford another loss as it will lessen their chances for the pennant. With pitcher Goose Wong in top form, backed by the slugging of Ray Lamontagne

and Douglas Murray, the Carolinians have a big say in this year's race.

The Saints should maintain their position at the top of the league standings when they come against the Pandas. The Cats were sensational when they upset South China a few short weeks ago and on present form should give the jolting Joys a good run although it has been an accepted fact in local softball circles that the Saints are and have always been the Pandas' 'JINX'. Can the Pandas break this Jinx? It remains to be seen. The game is scheduled for Sunday at 1.45 p.m.

A Shade Steadier

The ladies wind up the week-end activities at 3.30 p.m. with the Matadors battling it out with the Overseas. A close affair is anticipated with the Matadors a shade steadier in fielding, and greater power at the plate.

The Matadors almost made the headlines last week when they scored the Hurricanes before bowing by 9-7. Fred Diesta, manager/coach, has done a fine job as the Matadors, who started off the summer as mere beginners, are now being billed by many as the team to watch out for.

Pitcher Annabelle Chin has a strong arm though a bit erratic. All she needs is a year or two of consistent playing practice to shape into a first class pitcher.

ARMY 'SOUTH' FAVOURED OVER 'OPTIMISTS' IN TODAY'S MAIN MATCH

The Colony cricket league season enters its second round this afternoon with increasing interest in both divisions. In the senior division three teams, Hongkong Cricket Club "Optimists", Hongkong Cricket Club "Scorpions" and Army South are on even terms at the head of the league table, with Recreio, Kowloon Cricket Club, Craigengower and Indian Recreation Club all within striking distance.

By
ROBERT TAY

The Junior division has so far appeared to be practically a two-way race between Army "South" and Royal Air Force, the joint leaders of this league, but Kowloon Cricket Club, last year's champions, who had had a rather lean time up to now, are still in third place and are fully capable of coming into the picture in the final reckoning.

Brilliant Win

Army "South" scored a brilliant five-wicket win over title-contending Royal Air Force last Saturday at Kai Tak mainly through the brilliant bowling of Private Dodd. Dodd had up to then been playing regularly in Army South's second division eleven, and by taking seven wickets for 39 runs in this match, he not only made a spectacular debut in the Colony's first division cricket, but also proved that he thoroughly merited his promotion.

The soldiers' batting also appeared to be much steadier than it was at the beginning of the season, with Godwin, Stoddart, Robinson, Everitt, Green, Morrell and Gaddler, providing a fairly formidable vanguard. Army South have never been such a better balanced team as they are at the moment.

The Optimists on the other hand have been well out of touch during their last few games, but showed a semblance of their match-winning form at the beginning of the season when they had the better of a drawn match against the "Scorpions" last Saturday. I doubt very much the bowling of the Optimists this afternoon can easily break through the soldiers' batting, especially considering that they will be playing on the Sookunpoo wicket, which is much easier and slower this season than it has ever been before.

Even Match

As in most of their matches, Optimists' hope of a victory this afternoon will rest on the batting form of their stalwarts, George Rowe, Pritchard, Kilbee and Leigh-Bennett. Failure by any of these batsmen to get into the 50's will mean a decisive win for Army South, while a good stand by any of them will give the match a close finish with the odds slightly in favour of the soldiers.

The Scorpions-KCC game at Chater Road is expected to be an even one as far as chances of winning are concerned. Both teams are feeling the pinch of lack of one or two more attacking bowlers, and

both have been also highly unpredictable in their batting form.

Anything can happen in this match, but with all due respect to these two teams, it must be urged that their rate of scoring be appreciably increased if the match were to reach a conclusive ending.

It has been a usual occurrence for both Scorpions and KCC to keep up a commendable rate of scoring for their first four or five wickets and then fall off badly towards the second half of their batting.

Improved Team

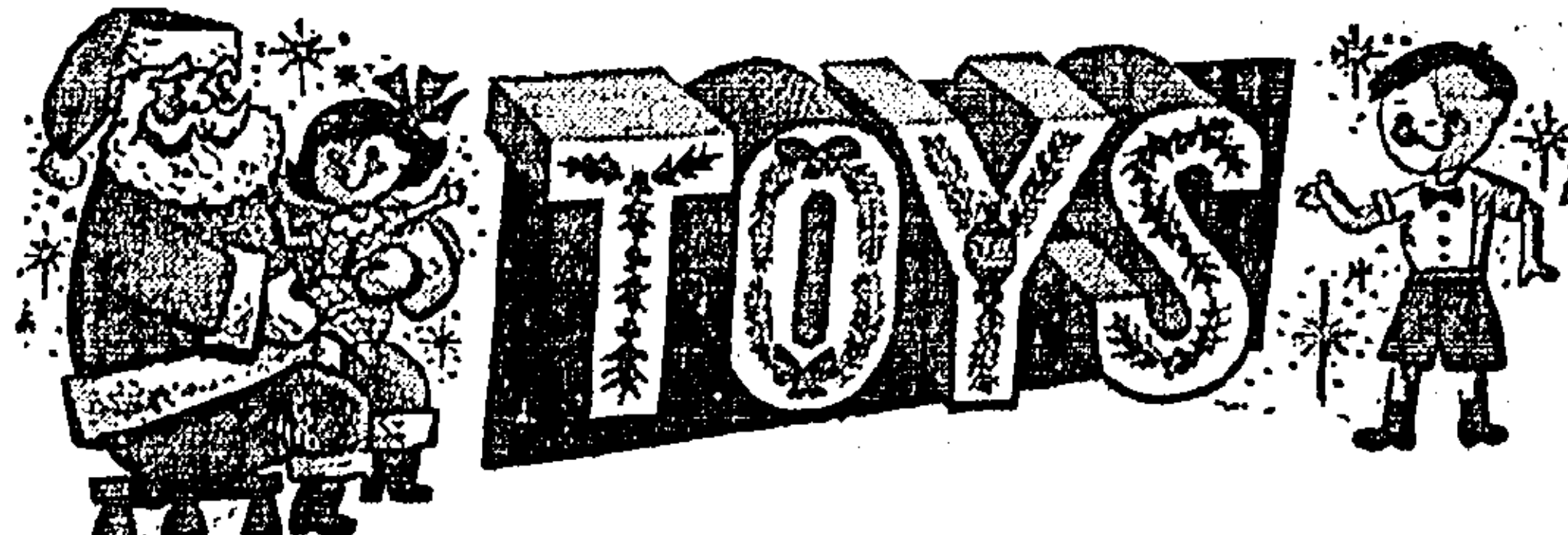
At Kai Tak, Royal Air Force should be able to collect full points from Navy and Dockyard, although it must be said that the latter are now a vastly improved team. What they need is a couple of high individual scorers and they will be hard team to beat.

At King's Park, Indian Recreation Club may find Recreio quite a handful and will probably be fully extended before emerging winners. Here again rapid scoring is indicated if a draw is to be averted.

In the remaining first division match, Police are fully capable of giving Army "North" a good fight, despite the slight superiority enjoyed by the soldiers in both the bowling and batting departments.

The second division games will see Army South pitted against Centaurs and RAF against Navy and Dockyard. Both are not likely to drop any point here.

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In Hongkong we are now roughly half way through our most dreary season of the post war years.

At first glance these two statements may appear to be completely disconnected, but personally, I believe there is a subtle relationship between the two and I hope in the next few paragraphs to bridge the 10,000 miles that separates them . . . in a sporting sense at least.

Tooting are the current kings of conversation because they have fought their way through to the third round of the FA Cup and disposed of two professional league sides along the way. They are now scheduled to meet mighty Nottingham Forest on their own little ground in London.

There is a magnificent achievement and one which has captured the imagination of the sporting public far beyond the English coastline. This is reflected in the congratulatory telegrams which have rolled into the Tooting headquarters from many countries overseas . . . and it is also reflected in the tremendous national press coverage which is being accorded to every word or act involving the team or its management. Its ground or its supporters.

The Real Spirit

In short, Tooting's triumphs against heavy odds have lashed cup-tie fever to the limit. The soccer mercury has been soaring up the scale and far and wide folks who may never have heard of the little team

We'd love to meet Tooting!

says STANLEY MATTHEWS

IF Cup shock team Tooting and Mitcham win their next round tie against Nottingham Forest and Blackpool beat Southampton they will have reached the semi-finals. If these two teams are drawn against each other. Not because I think it would be a walk-over for Blackpool either. I believe that the progress of the small club - amateur, non-league and unfashionable outsiders - make the Cup what it is. It gives the competition that extra bit of spice. It is a wonderful fillip for the little clubs. And it stimulates local interest - gives them a moment that is never forgotten.

Glorious Feats

Remember the Third Division's clubs Millwall, Port Vale, and Inverness, York City, who all got through to the semi-finals? Remember the glorious Cup feats of teams like Yeovil, Peterborough, and Colchester (when Colchester were in the Southern League)?

I know that, as a rule, most of these non-league sides don't get very far after their giant-killing feats - but they have had the tonic and the boost that a struggling club needs.

I shall never forget Colchester in 1948. Blackpool beat them 6-0 in the fifth round, but what glory for them!

The newscasts were with them everywhere. They trained on oysters. They were the small town heroes. It was fantastic publicity and they enjoyed every minute of it. And why not? There was a magnificent achievement. And, of course, they had the satisfaction of knowing that the team which beat them went on to the Final. Yes, I'm all for the underdogs in soccer.

before are now anxious and sympathetic followers of their football fortunes. That is the real spirit of soccer. That is the infectious enthusiasm which makes the game the greatest team competition in the whole length and breadth of the sporting world.

Soccer is at its greatest when the cauldron of impartial acclaim is bubbling over; when the little fellows slay the giants; when the great upset is the banner headline of the sporting pages in the press; and when the unexpected tickles the public palate.

Vivid Contrast

How vividly all this contrasts with the dull, drab, dismal football environment we are having to accept here in Hongkong at the present time.

Last Sunday, for example, I spent some time talking to a spectator at the Senior Shield match between KMB and Eastern at the Club Stadium. By current standards it wasn't a bad game but at the finish this particular individual remarked casually "Well, that's two more points for KMB!"

It took some time to convince him it was a Senior Shield match he had been watching, so he immediately asked me who South China had to play and was surprised when I told him they had beaten Kwong Wah by 2-1 the day before in the knock-out competition. The fact that Colony football is as dead as a doornail at this moment, it desperately needs something to bring it to life, except on the rarest occasion, the fans are simply not biting at the rather moth-eaten bait which is being offered to them at the turnstiles. The generally empty stands tell their own tale.

Great Pity

How a situation similar to that which currently exists in England would live things up. A real honest-to-goodness upset could do our football activities the world of good . . . and a spectacular giant-killing act by one of the little unfashionable clubs would give the dispirited followers of the game something to shout about.

The great pity of course is that we are faced with the iniquitous closed shop arrangement which prevents the Second, Third, and Fourth Division clubs from ever getting a chance of bursting into the Tooting-style limelight simply because the administrators of Colony football have shown a

By

I. M. MACTAVISH

strange reluctance to open up the Senior Shield to every club in membership of the HKFA.

A Hongkong Shield would be a much greater prize to be won than the present hollow competition which presently serves as our equivalent of the FA Cup. Don't tell me that upsets would not happen here. Bourneville and Northampton would have said the same thing before they played Tooting. The Royal Navy would almost certainly have said it before they went under to Kung Wah, the local Fourth Division side in the Junior Shield.

Face Lift Needed

Upsets will occur. I don't believe they will ever occur with the same regularity as they do in England . . . but that doesn't really matter for the mere possibility of an important result is just as important to the tension of the competition as the actual upset itself.

It doesn't require an expert to see that at the moment our competitive football is dying on its feet and in fact it has had to be for the very unhelpful and welcome rise of the Police season's interest would have been confined to two or three sides, South China and KMB - I don't believe Tung Wah are a threat - for on present form Kitching, Sing Tao, Eastern and the Army are the greats of yesterday's . . . are no more than memorable names. Nowadays they are teams living entirely on past glories and that wins neither points nor prizes.

The time has come to face up to the situation in a realistic manner. Hongkong football needs a face lift. It needs new blood, new ideas, and above all it needs a new sense of responsibility and a new sense of urgency.

Grab-All Tactics

The grab-all tactics of the star-hungry big clubs in recent years strangled the natural development of the game and that is why there are no youngsters coming forward to take the places which are being so reluctantly vacated by the fading veterans.

Big names are being stubbornly retained for their box office value long after their play has lost its sparkle and their bodies have lost the stamina to

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



play at even half speed through ninety minutes of hard football. Therein lies our tragedy. The future looks pretty bleak but if the HKFA is prepared to tackle the situation with resolution and determination much could be saved and much accomplished . . . if only youth is given a chance to make the grade!!!

From time to time in this column I have praised the work of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association as an organisation which sets an administrative pattern other similar bodies could follow with advantage.

I have just been reading the circular which the Association has issued to all members on the subject of the proposed marathon swim next May. The circular is a model of its kind and reveals the thoroughness with which the HKASA has examined the ramifications of such an innovation in our sporting calendar as a long distance swim.

Tentative plans are to hold the race in May over a five miles course between Stanley and Deep Water Bays and the circular gives a list of ten straightforward and easy-to-understand regulations which will cover the event . . . but it also gives a great deal of useful general guidance to intending competitors.

Might Be Proud Of It goes even further than that. It gives some excellent information on how a competitor should plan his or her training programme between now and next May. It advises where training facilities will be available; and it also gives an excellent expert

appreciation of energy expenditure in a long distance swim and gives guidance on the necessity of replacing this expenditure by consuming food of a high caloric value. The circular is a document of which the HKASA might well be proud. I read it with real appreciation . . . and that's something . . . I can't swim a stroke!!!

Are the curtains coming down on the brilliant and prolonged athletic career of our Grand Old Man of Boxing - Henry Wong?

Unfortunately I did not see him last Friday when he was beaten but it has been very obvious for some time that Henry has just about reached the end of the pugilistic path.

Long Be Remembered

The Chinese boy dearly loves a fight and it will take a great deal of persuasion to get him to hang up his gloves . . . but in his own interest, and in the interest of boxing generally in the community, I think it is time the HKADA gave consideration to advising him to retire.

Henry Wong is a name that will long be remembered in Hongkong boxing and there is no need for Henry to sever his connection with the game he has served so well. His connection with the Hongkong Police Sports Association will give him adequate outlet for his boxing bent . . . and his experience and his coaching ability can still contribute much to the noble art.

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THREE CRUCIAL HOCKEY GAMES ON SUNDAY

By TONY MYATT

This weekend's hockey programme features four games and the results of three of these encounters, should have a strong bearing on the current league standings. All games will be played off on Sunday.

Most interest will be centred round the Recreio 'A' versus Macaensis 'A' encounter which will be played off at 11 a.m. at Recreio.

This game was originally scheduled for 2.30 p.m. but the time has since been changed. As a result of this change, the match between the Portuguese second stringers and the IRC 'B' team has been postponed.

Macaensis 'A' have been showing great form during the few games, and it would not surprise me in the least if they come off with maximum points. Their forwards are combining beautifully and are getting grand backing from the defence. What's more, they are extremely fast.

Recreio Favoured

Recreio probably have it as far as experience goes, but, if they are contemplating a win in this match, they will require a great deal more than just experience to carry them through. If Recreio are defeated, there will undoubtedly be much rejoicing in the Army 'A' camp, for the soldiers who take on IRC 'A' at Sookunpoo at 2.15

p.m. are more or less assured of victory. A Portuguese downfall coupled with an extra four points for them would be just what they require to cement their position at the top of the table.

Determined Bunch

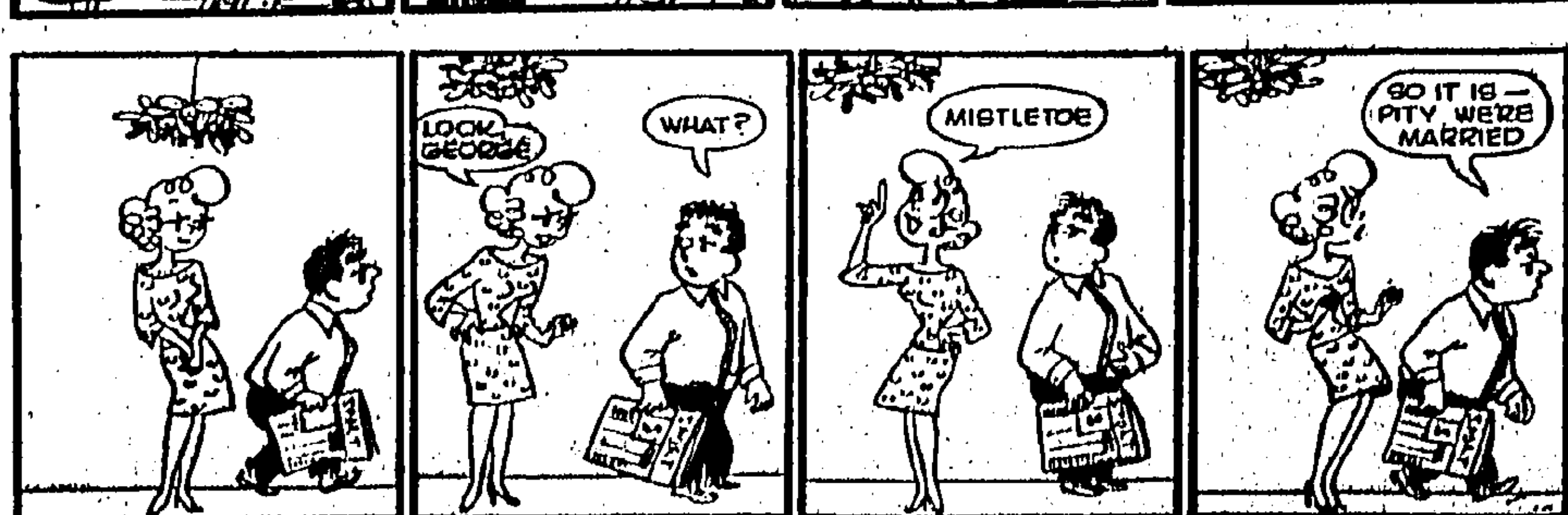
Nav Bharat take on the Navy at 3 p.m. at King's Park and I personally feel that the sailors have very little chance of prevailing in upset. But, Nav Bharat have no cause to underestimate them, for the sailors are a very determined bunch of players and given their fair share of luck, which they have been lacking on a great many occasions, they might do unusual things.

The final game on the programme will see Army 'B', greatly encouraged by their fine win over IRC 'A' last week, take on the HKHC and if they play true to last weekend's form, the soldiers might very well collect another four points.

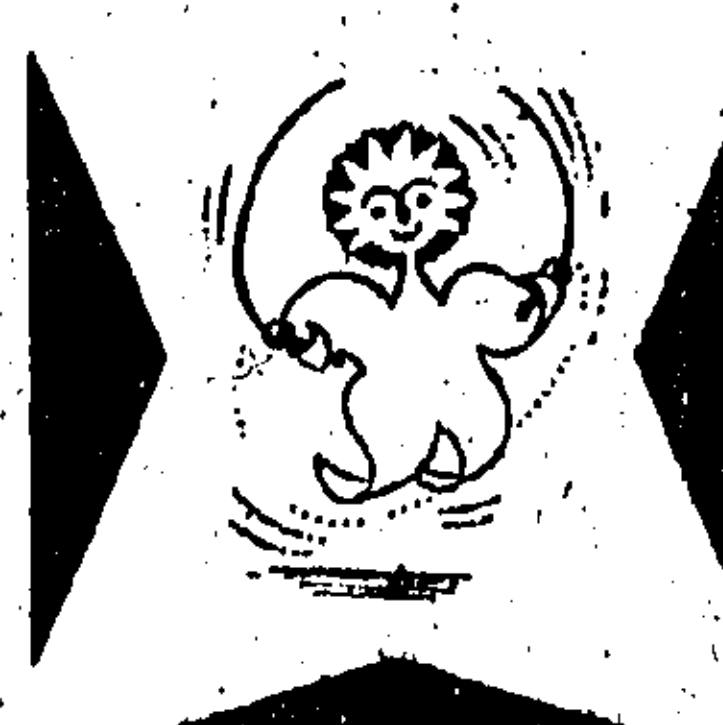
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1. Jack Dempsey v. Gene Tunney in 1926. Attendance: 120,757.
2. Belgrade, Yugoslavia.
3. Richie Benoud.
4. Rocky Marciano.
5. Six.
6. Horse-racing.
7. Peter May. He won £A500 for his last century at Sydney.
8. (a) Golf, (b) Soccer, (c) Table-tennis.
9. (a) Hard, (b) Falls, (c) Shields.
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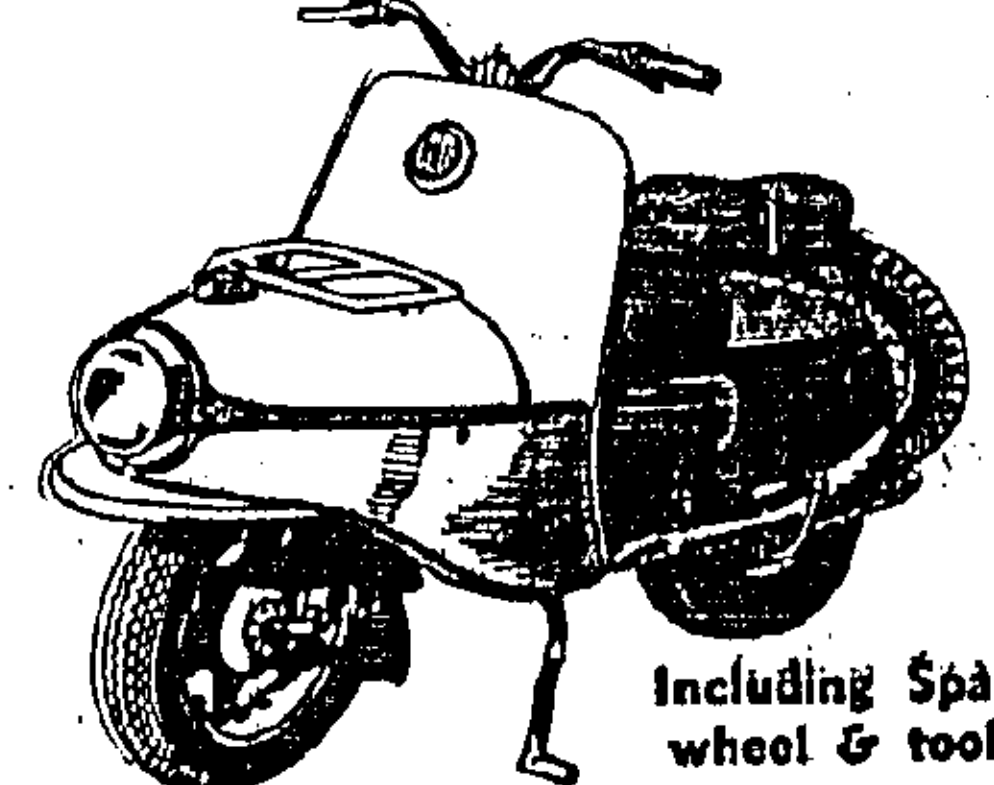
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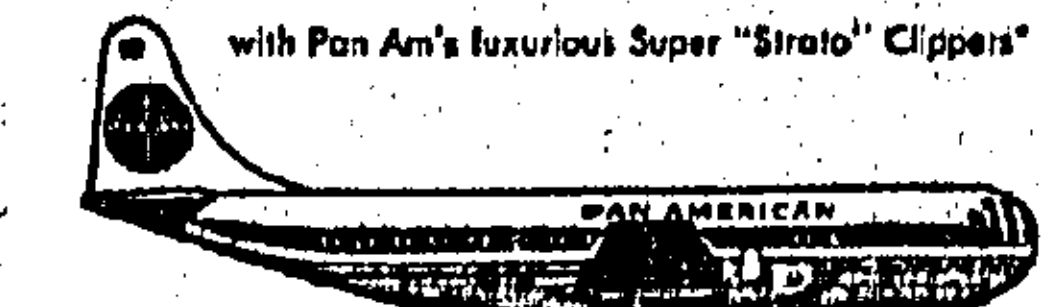
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